



## DOZENS TURN OUT FOR FUNERAL OF SECOND WORLD WAR HERO



The procession before the funeral

MORE than 150 mourners turned out for Second World War hero George Pratt's funeral this week.

George, who lived in Rugeley, died on August 31 a few months after his 100th birthday back in March.

The father of three and grandfather of three was awarded the Burma Star and the Arctic Star and he broke the land speed record in the Arctic Circle while fleeing the Nazis on a motorbike. The poignant ceremony at St Augustine's Church was attended by family, friends and locals, as well as veterans and the D-Day Darlings.

Locals walked from George's home at Surrey Close to the church and

lined the route along Sandy Lane to greet a procession.

His son Jon paid an emotional tribute to his late father, who will be remembered not only for his bravery in the Second World War but for his love and passion in restoring old vehicles and selling them. Jon said: "He loved being with people and chatting."

"He welcomed everyone at the door and would give them tea, coffee, and wouldn't let them leave without giving them a gift. He was a charming salesman, as long as he was making a couple of bob he was happy - 'another day, another dollar' he would say."

Andy Sawyer, a friend of Jon's

through the Help a Squaddie programme where he works, said: "It was a fitting send-off and was just as he deserved. He was a proper community man but what he did in World War Two getting the Burma Star and Arctic Star he was a true hero."

The funeral was followed by internment at Stile Cop Cemetery and a wake at Lea Hall Working Men's Club.

George joined the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in 1940 as a dispatch rider, serving in the British Expeditionary Force with which he was posted in France. He was part of an operation in the Arctic Circle for which he received a bravery award.



George Pratt this year

### POLICE

## Youth anti-social behaviour down

YOUTH anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Cannock has dropped by 52 per cent, new figures have revealed.

In Cannock, there were 49 recorded youth-related ASB incidents during the recent summer holidays - compared with 102 during the same period last year, Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said.

Across the county, police-recorded youth-related anti-social behaviour incidents also dropped by 41 per cent.

There were 1,110 recorded youth-related ASB incidents in the county in 2017, with 659 registered this summer.

### HONOUR

## RAFA will be given freedom of district

CANNOCK Chase Council will grant the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) Cannock Chase Branch with the Freedom of Entry to the District on Saturday, September 29 to mark the centenary of the RAF in April 2018.

A parade formation will take place at 10.30am at the top of Market Street in Hednesford, next to the clock tower.

It will be followed by a ceremony at 11am, in which the council's chairman Councillor Paul Witton will present the RAFA with the freedom scroll.

### LEISURE

## Work to redevelop stadium completed

WORK to redevelop the derelict sports stadium at Pye Green has been completed.

About £1.3 million was ploughed into creating a new leisure complex, which has been under construction for four years.

The finished article features a football pitch, play area, outdoor gym, BMX and skateboard area, and cycle paths.

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# Parents angry as lollipop warden is not replaced PUPILS 'AT RISK' WITHOUT PATROL

CHILDREN and parents are being forced to cross a 'dangerous' road every day to get to school while the position of lollipop person has still not been replaced.

There has been a crossing patrol near the Boat Inn on Penkridge's Cannock Road for more than 30 years but after the latest warden retired they were not replaced, parents claim.

They say children walking to Penkridge Middle School have faced crossing the busy Cannock Road on their own, with a bend and parked cars affecting visibility. There is now a call for the crossing patrol warden to be replaced.

Parent Amy Cooper said: "I'm 42 and there was a crossing patrol there when I was nine. It seems ridiculous, it just disappeared. There has been a lollipop person in this position on the Cannock Road for 30-odd years and suddenly they are not able to fund it. The previous person retired and they are not allowed to fill the position due to spending cuts."

"My nine-year-old son has started at Penkridge Middle School and was very excited to be walking with his friends. We have planned and practised their route very carefully to ensure they have a safe journey to school, and want to encourage him to walk every day."

"We were so upset to find out our son had crossed this busy road on his own as there was no notice given of this patrol being retired. Surely this will not help reduce the number of cars on the road and promote healthy children if it isn't safe for them to walk? This is an accident waiting

BY CHARLOTTE CALLEAR

to happen and could be fatal." Penkridge Parish Council met to discuss the issue last week. Councillor Andrew Lenz said the parish council would look at taking on the responsibility. He said: "My personal opinion is that we only have two options."

"The short-term idea is the parish council should take on these responsibilities. And the long term is looking at sponsorship."

He added that there are up to 4,000 vehicles a day on the road five days a week, and said it was not designed for the current amount of traffic.

Last week Staffordshire County Council unveiled proposals to plug a £35m funding gap including a review of all school crossing patrols, with a view to encouraging community-funded posts from September 2019.

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Pupils and parents from Penkridge at the Cannock Road crossing patrol site

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# Leader 'upset' over 40,000 badgers cull



George Adamson - 'hope'

THE leader of Cannock Chase Council has joined in the chorus of disapproval after proposals to extend licensed badger culling - including to Staffordshire - were approved.

Culling is now taking place in 32 areas across 10 counties - Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Cheshire, Somerset, Wiltshire, Staffordshire and Cumbria.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has criticised the plans and has been running a campaign against the proposed cull.

As a result of the latest move, 40,892 badgers could be killed by the end of

the year - more than during the last five years of the badger cull combined. Julian Woolford, chief executive of the trust, said: "It is unacceptable that the Government has not waited for the results of their own review - which we understand is to be published imminently - before forging ahead with another year of ineffective and expensive badger culling."

And the leader of Cannock Chase Council, George Adamson, has criticised the proposals.

He said: "I am upset about it because there is no need for it. It is disgraceful.

It has proven to be totally and utterly ineffective. We continually hope it is not coming into Cannock Chase."

National Farmers' Union vice-president Stuart Roberts welcomed the news that data from the original cull areas showed a fall in TB incidence.

He said: "More than 33,000 cattle were slaughtered last year in England because of this devastating disease and more than 3,800 farms that had previously been clear of the disease were affected by it."

"We must have every option available to us to tackle bTB [Bovine TB]."

# Headteacher promises a fresh start for Academy

A NEW era is dawning at a school which has spent two years turning around its fortunes after being placed in special measures.

Headteacher Ian Moreton has taken over the reins of Great Wyrley Academy, which has formally become part of the Windsor Academy Trust (WAT).

In 2016, the school - formerly Great Wyrley High School - was rated as inadequate by Ofsted but since then inspectors have continued to praise the progress and improvements being made by staff.

Now Mr Moreton, who has nearly 20 years' teaching experience, is promising to transform it into one of the best performing secondary schools in the area.

He used the start of the academic year to outline plans to ensure that all 600 of its pupils achieve their potential, both academically and personally.

The former deputy headteacher at Windsor High School and Sixth Form in Hale-sowen has already spent nearly £100,000 on a comprehensive internal refurbishment project to create better learning spaces.

## Grades

He has also introduced a new curriculum designed to improve GCSE and A-level results. As part of the new approach, a 12-point pledge has been drawn up so that every student will have the opportunity to raise money for charity, visit the sea, present to 30 or more people and sleep under the stars. They will also become a first aider, take part in a musical or sporting event and experience what a higher education establishment looks like.

"School has to be about more than just getting grades. We need to give our young people real life skills and experiences that will benefit them as they start work and get older," said Mr Moreton, who leads a senior leadership team comprising four experienced assistant headteachers.

Great Wyrley Academy is hosting its annual open evening on October 3.

There will also be two 'drop-in' mornings on October 8 and 9.

## Tyres blaze was started deliberately



Firefighters tackled the tyres blaze in Hazel Lane, Great Wyrley, for four hours

A BLAZE which firefighters tackled for four hours was started deliberately, an investigation showed.

A large amount of tyres was set on fire in Hazel Lane, Great Wyrley, on Sunday sending black

smoke billowing into the air and could be seen from miles away.

Quick-thinking actions stopped the fire from getting to a nearby factory, and it has been revealed that it was started deliberately.

A Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service spokeswoman said: "The first applicant was mobilised at 3.29pm and the last appliance left at 7.34pm. The fire was started deliberately."

## Bishops back campaign to 'fix' Universal Credit

URGENT action needs to be taken to provide more support for people applying for Universal Credit amid reports of a surge in demand at food banks where the benefit has been introduced, the three bishops of Lichfield Diocese say.

The diocesan Bishop of Lichfield,

the Rt Rev Dr Michael Ipgrave, the Bishop of Stafford, the Rt Rev Geoff Annas, and the Bishop of Wolverhampton, the Rt Rev Clive Gregory, are backing a petition set up by the End Hunger UK campaign calling for the Government to 'fix' Universal Credit.

It includes providing more help and a more flexible system for claimants applying and for those already receiving the benefit.

In a joint statement, the bishops said they are encouraging parishes and churchgoers in the Lichfield Diocese to back the campaign.

## Actress in ambassador position for care homes



Sharon Winfield, left, of Avery Health- A CARE home operator has named TV actress and personality Sherrie Hewson as its new ambassador.

The former Loose Women panellist has been appointed to the role by the Avery Healthcare group, which runs Abbey Court in Heath Hayes and Horse Fair Care Home in Rugeley as well as the Hawthorns Care Home in Aldridge and Crispin Court in Stafford.

Following on from her own mother's experience of being in care, she says she is interested in the homes' approach to care and standards delivered in resident services.

Hewson, aged 67, appears as Joyce Temple-Savage in Benidorm on ITV.

Previous roles include Maureen Webster in Coronation Street and Carry On Behind in 1975.

She will be dropping in on the care homes within the next year.

## CBB winner Ryan cancels club visit

A TELEVISION star due to make a trip to the region after winning a reality show cancelled the appearance.

Former Coronation Street actor Ryan Thomas, who played Jason Grimshaw between 2000 and 2016, had planned to make a stop at Stafford's Couture Nightclub on Saturday but he cancelled his visit to the Newport Road club due to a 'filming commitment'.

It would have been his first public appearance since winning Channel 5's Celebrity Big Brother earlier this month.

Bosses at Couture said the visit would be rearranged.

Thomas became tangled up in the 'punchgate' row on Big Brother after fellow contestant Roxanne Pallett accused him assaulting her. Pallett has since retracted her claims and apologised.

## Arboretum festival

THE National Memorial Arboretum is hosting its Autumn Festival on Saturday and Sunday. The event will feature live musical entertainment, arts and crafts activities for families, woodland animals, archery and a food and craft fair. Admission to the festival is free.

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# Jails' staff walk out over rise in violence

PRISON officers throughout the West Midlands region walked out amid fears of growing levels of violence.

Staff at HMP Oakwood, Featherstone, Stafford, Brinsford and Birmingham left their posts on Friday after being urged to leave their workplaces by their trade union.

It came after the Professional Trades Union for Prison, Correctional and Secure Psychiatric Workers union (POA) called for members in prisons in England and Wales to protest from 7am.

Nikki Brough-Smith, who joined about 60 colleagues to protest outside HMP Brinsford, said: "We are all in the same situation. We hope that the people at the top start listening to us. We need more protection at work and we need more staff."

Calls for Friday's protest, from the union's general secretary Steve Gillan, were in response to a report which raised concerns about safety at HMP Bedford.

Prisons minister Rory Stewart said: "Prison officers do vital and important work. It's irresponsible for the POA to encourage their members to take this unlawful action."

The demos were called off just before 2pm following negotiations with Mr Stewart. The POA said about 90 per cent of prison staff were members of the union, which has 20,000 members in England and Wales.

## Firm fined £1.5m for worker's death

A LOGISTICS company has been fined £1.5 million and told to pay £32,823 costs after a worker from Stafford died when he was trapped between a trailer and his vehicle.

Tuffnells Parcels Express Ltd employee Leighton Jardine was fatally injured while attaching a trailer to his vehicle on January 22, 2016. Dudley Magistrates Court heard the trailer was parked on a slight slope, which was enough to allow it to roll forward, trapping 60-year-old Mr Jardine.

The company, of Wallows Industrial Estate, in Brierley Hill, pleaded guilty to breaching the Health and Safety At Work Act. A spokesman said the firm expressed sincere regret and added that it has invested more than £5 million in safety improvements.

## M6 bridge to go

THE M6 will be closed in both directions between junctions 14 and 15 while a bridge is demolished on Saturday. It will be closed from Stafford to Stoke-on-Trent from 8pm until the work is finished the following day.

# Riders urged to enter Chase the Cake



Chase the Cake is a fun day out

FUNDRAISERS are being encouraged to get on their bike for the day as part of the Chase the Cake cycle challenge next month.

There are rides for all ages and abilities as part of an event that will help to raise money for Tabor House, a shelter for the homeless.

Back by popular demand, Chase the Cake encourages friends, families and expert riders to take to the saddle and raise money for charity, whilst also promoting the benefits of cycling.

Organised by Cannock Chase Cycle Centre and backed by British Cycling,

riders can choose from a five-mile or 20-mile off-road route, or a 33 or 65-mile on-road course.

After the ride, cyclists can enjoy homemade cakes and hot drinks to celebrate their achievement.

Jack Swinnerton, from Cannock Chase Cycle Centre, said: "Chase the Cake is such a fun day out. It's non-competitive and is about celebrating our gorgeous environment, whilst also getting more people on their bikes."

"This year, we're supporting a fantastic charity too, iShelter, which

runs a homeless shelter in Birmingham city centre. By getting involved, not only will you be getting fit, but also helping people who need it most."

Father Michael White, from iShelter, said: "We're really grateful to the Cannock Chase Cycle Centre team for choosing to support iShelter. The money raised from the event will go directly towards helping our guests."

Pre-entry for the ride, which takes place on Sunday, October 7, costs £10, or £15 on the day. To enter, visit [www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/179717/Chase-The-Cake](http://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/179717/Chase-The-Cake)

# Deadline is set to save closure-threat library

A LIBRARY is facing closure amid a county-wide shake-up in services which aims to save £1.3 million.

An April deadline has been set to find an organisation to manage and deliver the Cheslyn Hay Library Service or it may be shut down.

It follows a decision by Staffordshire County Council in July to reduce the library's opening times to 10 hours a week as part of a cost-cutting exercise in which Cheadle, Clayton, Eccleshall and Penkridge libraries became community managed.

It means approved groups will deal with the day-to-day running of the library, while the council will continue to fund utility bills and maintenance costs. Catharine Care was awarded the contract for the library in April last year but delays associated with the transfer of the library within a shared building meant they withdrew their offer in May.

Resident Claire Ridgway, aged 42, set up Friends of Cheslyn Hay Library a month ago to generate support to keep it open.

### Connect

She has three children, aged 11, 13 and 14, all of who all have autism and she home-schools two of them. She said: "I feel really passionate about trying to save it."

"It is our final community service in the village after the post office and police station shut down. For the older generation, it is a way to connect with other people and it is the only place my children get to visit in our village."

"It is really disappointing, it is a vital service which we use at least once a week. If this one closes, we will have to go to Great Wyrley but that is not within walking distance and is much smaller. One of the reasons it is struggling is because no-one knew where it was. A few years ago it moved from High Street to the parish council building. People thought it had closed."

Gill Heath, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for communities, said: "We will be searching hard for a new partner to work with in Cheslyn Hay. If anyone is interested in finding out more they can contact [connectedlibraries@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:connectedlibraries@staffordshire.gov.uk)."



Ben Thornton, left, as Silly Billy, Katrina Bryan as Fairy Bowbells and Sam Rabone as Dolly the Cook Picture: Pamela Raith Photography

## All-star cast in panto capers

AN all-star cast has been announced for Lichfield Garrick's pantomime Dick Whittington.

And in the lead-up to the show, the cast turned out to mark the start of the countdown to the opening night on November 29.

Passers-by came face to face with characters in full panto costume as they posed for photographers outside the theatre.

As well as returning Garrick favourites Sam Rabone as Dolly the Cook and Ben Thornton as Silly Billy, Katrina Bryan of CBeebies' Nina and the Neurons fame will play the magical Fairy Bowbells in this year's festive extravaganza.

They are joined by seasoned professionals Ashley Emerson as Dick Whittington, Ieuan Rhys as Alderman Fitzwarren, Joanne Heywood as the baddie Queen Rat, Becca Lane as Alice Fitzwarren, and Lucy Parry as Tommy the Cat.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Fines for alcohol offences top £13k

FINES totalling £13,280 have been handed out under a crackdown on illegal alcohol sales.

The penalties imposed in the past four months were for selling alcohol to underage people, mislabelling of alcohol and avoiding VAT payments.

It comes as part of a crackdown by Staffordshire County Council's trading standards team.

County Councillor Gill Heath, cabinet member responsible for trading standards, said: "Our trading standards team will continue to carry out test purchasing operations and ensure retailers are following the rules when it comes to selling alcohol."

### Security plea at historic building

A DESPERATE plea has been issued for more security measures at an historic building after it was vandalised.

People urinating and vomiting on the porch and discarding cigarettes or drug paraphernalia outside are among the incidents outside the Ancient High House in Stafford, which has been plagued with anti-social behaviour.

An application to increase security measures has been submitted to Stafford Borough Council.

The structure is known to be the largest timber framed town house in the country.

### Parents in court over son's death

A MAN and woman have denied murdering their two-month-old son.

Luke Morgan, aged 26, and Emma Cole, 22, appeared at Stafford Crown Court charged with the murder of Tyler Morgan, in Sunnymead Road, Burntwood, on April 29, 2014.

The pair also pleaded not guilty to manslaughter, causing or allowing an infant death, and child cruelty.

The case was adjourned and Morgan, of Grange Road, Burntwood, and Cole, of Summerbank Road, Stoke-on-Trent, will next appear for an administrative hearing on February 11.

### Farm to play part in coffee morning drive

CANALSIDE Farm, near Rugeley, will be joining the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday, September 28, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The coffee morning campaign raised £27.5 million last year.

Canalside will have a number of special offers. For every hot drink bought between 9am and 11am on the day, Canalside will donate £1 to the charity and are asking customers to make cakes for a 'bake off' contest.

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## COUNTY NEWS

### Region is shown to have heart of gold

PEOPLE in the West Midlands have hearts of gold, according to a British Heart Foundation survey.

The figures show that over half (51 per cent) want to be remembered for their kindness above all else, while a third (33 per cent) want to be remembered for their family values and humour is important to more than a quarter (29 per cent).

Materialistic and professional achievements are valued less. Just one in eight (13 per cent) want to be remembered for their work and only a quarter want to be remembered for their wealth. Three quarters wished they could do more to help others.

### £500 grants for outdoor learning

SCHOOLS are being encouraged to apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor learning resources, enabling children to get hands-on with nature.

Applications for the Local School Nature Grants are open from now up until November 30, with £550,000 in total up for grabs.

As well as receiving up to £500 worth of outdoor resources, schools will also receive a two-hour training session for staff on how to getting the most out of the equipment.

For more information and to apply for funding, visit the Learning through Landscapes website at [ltd.org.uk/naturegrants/guidance.php](http://ltd.org.uk/naturegrants/guidance.php)

### Homeserve in search for staff

HOME assistance company HomeServe is holding two recruitment open days at its headquarters in Walsall.

The business is seeking new customer service advisers and sales representatives to join its team.

The open days are at the offices in Cable Drive, today, Thursday, between 5pm and 8pm and Saturday, September 29, between 10am and 2pm. People are being invited to come along with the CV for interview. There is a starting salary of £18,200.

### Memories of child migration recorded

PEOPLE originating from more than 30 different countries came together to celebrate the culmination of a project that has collected stories of child migration from the 1930s to 2015.

The Birmingham project began in May 2017, with individuals who had migrated to the city from all corners of the world interviewed.

The documents will be archived in the New Library of Birmingham.

# Conteh backs AJ during visit to Cannock



John Conteh

BRITISH boxing legend John Conteh has backed Anthony Joshua to become the undisputed world heavyweight champion.

Conteh was in Cannock for the British ex-boxers Hall of Fame Awards, which was hosted by the Premier Suite.

The 67-year-old helped to induct Barry McGuigan, Richie Woodhall and Pat Cowdell into

the Hall of Fame. Joshua, who currently holds the WBA, IBF and WBO belts, returns to action this Saturday when he faces Alexander Povetkin at Wembley Stadium.

A victory would set up a potential showdown with WBC champion Deontay Wilder next April, with the prize for the winner the chance to hold all four major ti-

tles. Former light-heavyweight champion Conteh is convinced that Joshua has the beating of both men.

He said: "I think Anthony Joshua is going to be the undisputed champion."

"I think he will beat Povetkin and I think he will go on and beat Deontay Wilder as well," Conteh added.

"He is a better all-round fighter."

"He just needs to use what he has got. It's all there now."

"He has gone through all the trials and the tests, going down, getting back up and winning the title against Klitschko."

"You can always keep going higher and higher. There is always another level."

# Hundreds sign petition in lollipop cuts battle

By Alex Ross

**HUNDREDS of people have signed a petition opposing Staffordshire County Council's plan to stop funding school crossing patrols.**

The 248 patrols are under threat after the authority said it would stop paying for them as it attempts to bridge a £35 million funding gap.

Instead, it is calling on businesses and communities to take on the task, offering uniform, 'lollipop stick' and training. But the move has been criticised by some community leaders, including Councillor Maureen Compton, who represents Stafford Central.

And a petition, launched by Bidulph councillor Jill Salt, has gathered more than 1,500 signatures against it.

Councillor Salt said: "I was completely shocked when I discovered the proposal, it is such a vital service I couldn't believe they are putting a price on children's safety."

### Valuable

Councillor Salt said she would be handing the petition to the council ahead of a decision by councillors on the budget proposal in February.

Meanwhile, the Labour group on Burntwood Town Council are to voice their concerns at a meeting of the council today (Thursday).

"This service is not an optional extra but an essential service that ensures the safety of our children and grandchildren as they journey to and from school," Councillor Robert Birch said.

County council leader Philip Atkins said the authority had no option but to cut non-statutory services when faced with the rising cost of adult social care.

Additionally, the council is to make redundancies from a review of 'back office support staff', grass cutting will be reduced and concessionary bus travel will be allowed only after 9.30am.

## Helpers in driving seat with new bus



Driver Brian Talbot and some of the members from Landywood and District Voluntary Help Centre

USERS of a help centre have celebrated the arrival of a brand new £43,000 minibus.

The 16-seater Peugeot Boxer has been specially adapted for use by the Landywood District Voluntary Help Centre, on the Walsall Road in Great Wyrley.

Members from the centre have been raising funds for three years. Chris Myatt, its chairman and secretary, said: "We have had raffles and garage sales and we've had quite a lot of help from groups in the area and supermarkets, such as Sainsbury's and Morrisons. That's how we got to the target."

Ms Myatt said a lot of members had turned out for

the ribbon-cutting which was carried out by 98-year-old Hazel Whittaker, who has been associated with the centre for 25 years.

The minibus is a replacement for one that the centre had used for 13 years.

Ms Myatt added: "Using the old minibus in the last few years has been quite problematic."

"It was costing more than it needed to and now we've got this specially adapted one. I'm always proud of all the fundraising we do because people are very loyal."

The centre, which has been running for over 40 years, relies on donations and volunteers to keep it running."

# Police roles now open for student recruitment

STUDENT officers can study for a degree while they serve Staffordshire Police.

Nationally, training for new officers is being overhauled, with policing following a similar pattern to nursing and other public service careers, where new recruits will split their time between practical learning and study, earning a degree in policing at the end of their training.

Staffordshire Police is one of the first forces to recruit under the new student programme and applications are now open.

Applicants can apply via one of two separate entry routes: as a candidate with an existing degree, making the transition to a Graduate Diploma in Policing or joining and studying towards the police constable degree apprenticeship (PCDA).

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan said: "This is an important development to police recruitment and one that recognises policing as the highly-skilled profession that it is."

The student officers will train and study over either a two or three-year period with the degree being delivered in partnership with a university.

The university will deliver learning for student officers in Staffordshire, West Midlands, Warwickshire and West Mercia forces.

New officers will receive a starting salary of between £18,000 and £23,000 depending on entry route, previous qualifications and/or recognised prior learning.

Over the next year the force is looking to recruit around 10 new officers, with training for the first intake set to start in May/June 2019.

## Barbecue to mark trust's 30 years

MORE than 100 people gathered to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Lichfield Canal Restoration Trust's foundation.

Trust members and volunteers, residents, council dignitaries and community groups attended a barbecue at Gallows Wharf in Lichfield.

Among those present were the trust's three remaining founder members, Eric Wood, Dennis Cooper and Phil Sharpe.

Trust chairman Christine Bull, who asked president Eric Wood to cut a specially created cake, said the occasion was primarily to thank LHCRT's 150 volunteers.

The event also coincided with the Lichfield 10k, which included a team running in support of the trust. They raised £900.

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## Delight as dozens meet employers at jobs fair

CANNOCK Chase Council teamed up with Talent Match Staffordshire to host a jobs fair.

Jobseekers and people looking for a career change were invited to meet local employers with job vacancies in and around the district.

Among the employers attending on the day were The Argos Consortium, KFC, Newlife and the MOD Mercians.

Bowmer and Kirkland, the main construction contractor for the new McArthurglan Designer Outlet Cannock, along with Walsall College and Derry Building Services, were also at the fair to promote their upcoming vacancies, apprenticeships and training support for the new Retail Skills Academy launching soon in Cannock.

Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for planning and economic development, said: "This is the third jobs fair that we've hosted at the Civic Centre. Events like this are crucial and with 182 people attending, either looking for a job or a career change, it shows the importance of hosting these opportunities," he said.

"It is beneficial for both jobseekers and employers to be in one place.

"I am delighted to say that there have already been outcomes from the event on the day including referrals, potential recruits and new volunteers all getting interview slots or other support to help them on their journey into employment."

## New attractions to children's market

BOSSSES have booked a host of new attractions for a children's market in Penkridge at the end of the month.

A fire appliance, soft-play, sand art and Diddi Dancing, have been added to the September 30 event, which runs from 10am to 3pm. More than 70 stalls are expected.

The market, entirely dedicated to children, already has a host of activities planned, including a petting farm, fairground rides and children's crafts.

Kate Kingsley, who thought up the idea, said: "I am really keen to give people what they want and involve them as much as possible, so we have done things such as asking people to vote on our Facebook page as to which children's characters they would like to see."

## Drugs found in car

TWO men have been remanded in custody after drugs, a machete and a hockey stick were found by police in Pool Lane, Burntwood. Their VW Passat was stopped at around 12.30am last Thursday.

# Shock as graffiti appears on church



Rude graffiti has been edited out here

AN historic church in Hednesford has been vandalised for a second time.

The Church of Saint Saviours in High Mount Street has been targeted by vandals previously after being forced to close last year.

It was built in the 1800s to meet the needs of the growing mining community, but had to close due to safety fears and the cost of repairs.

The Bishop of Wolverhampton, the Rt Rev Clive Gregory, delivered the last sermon at the church. Last week, angry residents were shocked to find the church had been covered

in graffiti again. Former church warden Brian Grice said: "The fact that people can graffiti on such a historic building is mind blowing. Really, do people have nothing better to do?"

"This is not what people's behaviour should be like. It is unbelievable how people have such low morals.

"I cannot imagine how vicars who have worked there for many years would react. It is indescribable.

"It is a beautiful church and it is such a shame because time has really taken its toll. I would like to see the church restored, the congregation has

been around since I was young, but I cannot see that happening."

Councillor Alan Pearson, who represents Hednesford North on Cannock Chase Council, said: "There is no place for any vandalism, especially in a place such as this even though services are no longer held there. A lot of people are going to be very upset. Even though services are no longer held there, it cannot be left to go to ruin and be targeted by vandals."

PCSO Robert Evans said: "Any information regarding this incident please call 101."

# 'Treasure trove' up for sale after school shuts

A UNIQUE opportunity has arisen to buy the contents of an 18th century Staffordshire country mansion and a former prep school.

More than 300 items including centuries-old antiques, silver, paintings and even a newly restored 1958 Land Rover are being sold on from their current home in Bishton Hall, a Georgian property at Wolseley Bridge.

They will be sold by Derbyshire's Hansons Auctioneers but the sale and viewing will be at the hall itself.

It comes as St Bede's Preparatory and Nursery School, which is based in the building and is owned by the Northcote family, shut after 82 years because some parents were not up to date with fees. Among the treasures is a signed photograph of former US president Theodore Roosevelt from 1909 which could go for £500 to £800.

### Portrait

There are also antique riches including a pair of 19th century Anglo-Indian gilt lacquer chests on stands, estimated to fetch £3,000 to £4,000 and a George III country oak sideboard which is set to go for £1,000 to £1,500. A 19th century Empire design circular centre table with black marble top is also up for sale along with a George III flame mahogany chest on a stand with a Chinese blind fret frieze.

Paintings include an early 19th century portrait of a woman in a white dress with a price tag of £3,000 and an oil painting of The Grand Canal, Venice, in the style of Canaletto which could reach £5,000.

Garden statues in the sale include a moustached warrior. Quirky items include a Victorian saddlecloth, estimated at £400 to £500.

Adrian Rathbone, Hansons' associate director, said: "Bishton Hall is magnificent and I'm proud to have a



Bishton Hall, a Georgian mansion at Wolseley Bridge Pictures: Hansons



A grand room in Bishton Hall



Painting of a seated lady



Moustached warrior statue



The elegant sitting room

family connection to this classically handsome country home.

"My father has been involved with St Bede's Prep School, which has been based at Bishton Hall. I have also come to know it thanks to antique valuation events held there by Hansons.

"We're proud to be selling the contents of the hall, which belongs to the

Stafford Northcote family. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time there to catalogue the hundreds of items now coming up for sale. For me, Bishton Hall captures that quintessentially English display of elegance and good taste other nations yearn for. It's a treasure trove of delights."

The sale forms part of the Hansons

Country House and Fine Art Auction that will be held from October 10 to 15. Viewing at the hall will take place from October 8 to 13.

Bishton Hall Country House and Fine Art Sale will take place from 10.30am on October 13.

To find out more, email arathbone@hansonsauctioneers.co.uk

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Ale enthusiasts to raise a glass

THE fifth Cannock Chase Camra Real Ale & Cider Festival gets under way at 5pm today (Thursday).

The event at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Church Street, Cannock, also runs from midday to 11pm tomorrow and Saturday.

There will be 63 ales on offer, as well as 20 ciders plus bottled beers from around the world.

Cannock Chase Camra have also announced the designated charities for the festival - The Olive Circle Foundation and Isabella's Story. Anyone attending the festival can help the charities by donating any unused beer tokens to these worthy causes.

### Brewery to open station cafe bar

A STAFFORDSHIRE brewery is to open a cafe bar at Stoke-on-Trent railway station on October 8 after teaming up with Virgin Trains.

Titanic Brewery, run by Stafford brothers Dave and Keith Bott, opened its first Bod outlet in Weeping Cross, Stafford, earlier this year.

The brewery, based in Burslem, is now investing £80,000 to open the station coffee and lunch venue, which will also serve craft beer.

Joint managing director Dave said the first Bod had been a huge success and they were building on that.

### Councils' warning on annual canvass

VOTERS have been urged to fill in annual canvass forms that have been delivered to homes.

Cannock Chase Council and Lichfield District Council say reminders will be sent to households where there has been no response.

Both authorities say residents must register if they wish to vote in elections. To register or for further details go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

Meanwhile, Lichfield District Council will be holding a by-election for the Stowe ward on Thursday, September 27.

### Flora and fauna the theme of art display

HEATH Hayes Art Society is staging an exhibition of members' artwork.

The theme of the display at the Museum of Cannock Chase is flora and fauna. Among some of the first visitors taking a look at the exhibition, which runs until October 19, was Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling.

The group has an active membership of 26 artists who meet regularly on Monday evenings at Heath Hayes Library. Call 01543 425601 for details.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# Miss title wasn't a hit with Siobhan

A COUPLE of weeks ago this column recalled the rather wearisome comedian whose act involved masquerading as the Mayor of Stafford and then offending people with stupid comments on Twitter.

Well I'm now wondering if there is actually more than one of them. Because it seems hard to believe that Siobhan O'Dwyer, who vented her spleen on social media after being addressed by an air hostess as 'Miss' rather than 'Dr O'Dwyer' can be anything other than a wind-up.

"I didn't spend eight years at university to be called Miss," she hollered indignantly.

Talk about a chip on the shoulder. It's a wonder the plane was able to take off with that much ego on board. On Ryan Air they would have added a baggage charge for it.

"It's not about the title," she elaborated. "It's about the fact that this wouldn't have happened if I was a man."

Oh, gerrover yerself, love. Of course it would. Because many organisations – this one included – have a policy of restricting the honorific 'Dr' to medics and clerics. If you save lives, we call you doctor. If you read lots of books, you're Mr, Mrs or Miss. It's not that big a deal.

And a quick glance at Siobhan's Twitter feed shows she hasn't performed much open-heart surgery lately. Rather, she appears to spend more time on the picket line. She looks one very angry young lady.

It transpires her doctorate is in philosophy, and she earns a crust by teaching philosophy to others at Exeter University. Presumably producing another generation of philosophy lecturers, a bit like one of those pyramid-selling schemes.

Still at least she has a job, unlike anarchist campaigner Ian Bone. He hit the headlines recently for heckling the small children of Tory MP Jacob Rees-Mogg, telling them "Your Daddy is a horrible person. Lots of people hate him."

Brave or what?

Anyway, Mr Bone, has proudly explained how he has never had a job since graduating from Swansea University in 1968 – unless you count publishing a pamphlet celebrating 'hospitalised coppers' – and has been on benefits ever since, carving out a comfortable living in a large detached house on the outskirts of Bristol.

Two questions: What sort of anarchist lives off state benefits? Aren't they supposed to be against government and all that? And secondly, did he get a gold watch from the dole office to mark his 50 years?

## Is making misogyny a hate crime, just a step too far?



Brand of humour – Jo's sharp comment on men in midst of misogyny 'hate crime' debate



Not happy – Serena Williams, even before she saw an Aussie paper's widely-criticised cartoon



Chipping in with food for thought for Labour – memories of Mandy's mushy peas gaffe

# Kicking out blokey banter on football

I DON'T entirely understand how making misogyny – ie hatred of women – illegal is supposed to work, in the wake of calls by Labour MP Stella Creasey. I am one of those bizarre blokes who prefers female company and would rather natter with women than get drawn into a blokey debate about footie. But it is a fact that some men simply dislike women, just as some men dislike cats, soccer or speed humps. It is also true that some women dislike blokes, as expressed by Jo Brand in one of her classic quips: "The best way to a man's heart is through his hanky pocket with a bread knife." It seems curious that the law overlooks Jo's advice on knife murder but may soon crack down on "disrespectful" men who wolf-whistle at women. I dare say I should be sent for re-education.

AT a time when overworked police can't cope with real crimes, one force is criticised for inviting complaints about non-criminal incidents. Under the banner "Hate will not be tolerated in South Yorkshire," the local force is urging folk to report non-crime hate incidents, defined as events "which can include things like offensive or insulting comments, online, in person or in writing." The idea seems to be that non-criminal speech or writing might turn into hate crime. On the same basis, why not nick drivers at 27 or 28mph? They may not be breaking the speed limit now but they might in the future, right?

I WAS going to write a couple of lines about some of the public's angrier responses to the police tweet. Better not. It might constitute a non-criminal incident.

## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



IN any case, thanks to predictive-spelling programs, your non-criminal words may not even be the ones you intended. Among the many responses to the South Yorkshire Police tweet was: "Amber Rudd is a crime against humidity."

THREE cheers for the Commission for Religious Education's plea for school RE lessons to include not only religions but atheism, secularism and humanism. At long last, RE teachers will be able to say: "Right, kids, I've given you all the guff from the curriculum on organised religion. Now, here's what most of us actually believe." In my limited experience, if you explain that it's perfectly fine, decent and respectable not to believe in a god, people breathe a sigh of relief.

I REFERRED recently to tithes – the one-tenth of your income demanded by the Church in olden times. A reader has a collection of 200-year-old receipts for rents and tithes from the landlord and the church, paid by tenant farmers. In some years the landlord reduced the rent because of 'the bad state of the markets' but as far as my reader can find: "There is never a penny knocked off by the church. Clearly the aristocracy showed more Christian charity than the church."

SOME folk are raging against the 'racist' cartoon showing Serena Williams throwing her tantrum. As they are fully entitled to do. Yet I wonder how many of them were defiantly chanting 'Je Suis Charlie' a couple of years ago in their support of the Charlie Hebdo magazine after the massacre at its Paris offices? Most people claim to cherish freedom of expression. What a lot of them mean is: "I believe in freedom of expression – but..."

SCIENTISTS in Switzerland have developed a new app which will tell you exactly where your lost golf ball is. It detects a signal from a tiny transmitter inside the ball. Very clever. However, it has one basic flaw. It can only find the golf ball where the ball actually is. A much older method involves dropping a spare ball through a hole in your pocket and down your trouser leg, so you can find the ball exactly where you want it to be.

IF we believe the Guardian, research shows that: "Labour has evolved from being the party of casseroles and bingo to the party of quinoa and student protests." Anyone remember New Labour and the mushy peas? It is a story, oft told and always denied. Labour's Peter Mandelson, on a 1997 campaign visit to a chip shop Oop North, allegedly pointed to the mushy peas and asked for "some of that guacamole." Labour is always boasting about its half-a-million members. I wonder how many of them could recognise mushy peas, mild ale or a whippet.

A WHIPPET, comrade? It's like a miniature Borzoi.

## TALKING POINT



# A role to play for TV drama producers

SOAP operas are not averse to tackling hard-hitting storylines, and two of the popular dramas have now resorted to highlighting problems that many don't know how to handle.

Yet often, such subjects – homelessness and mental health – are taboo and, certainly with the latter, there seems a certain stigma attached.

As viewers tend to identify with soap storylines and characters, it is hoped these issues can be brought into the open and, perhaps even tackled.

In Corrie, Sean Tully has found himself, literally, on the street. Apparently it was actor Antony Cotton's own idea to bring the issue to life. He knew someone who suddenly lost everything and ended up on the streets, so he himself could identify with the problem.

Help has now been found. But the tragic plight could happen to anyone at any time, and, for those in desperate need – and through no fault of their own – sympathy, and a solution must be found.

Hollyoaks, meanwhile, has launched a mental health storyline, with one of its characters being diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder. Programme makers say they have worked closely with the charity MIND to ensure this issue is sensitively portrayed. Again, this is an issue that sufferers require help with, and that others need to understand better.

The battle faced by Destiny's Child singer Michelle Williams with depression shows how anyone can be affected.

Other big names stars have their own troubles. Selena Gomez is an idol to millions but has revealed a battle with alcohol, revealing via the lyrics of a song she was no longer sober. And it's sad to see.

Internet trolls are believed to have had a hand in Gomez falling off the wagon. It is easy to say she should set a better example and 'stay strong' for her adorners, but sympathy is needed and one can only hope the singer gets the help she needs for her addiction. It is after all, an illness.

Ant McPartlin's issues are well-documented. And, while I would never condone his drink-driving actions, it is clear he is a troubled soul who needs medical help to sort out his problems.

While there is a support network in place and there are friends are family to turn to, not all sufferers can pay big money for treatment. Some may argue that their illnesses are of their own making.

But that is not always the case, and this is where society comes in, to have a better understanding of conditions, and offer more help to anyone afflicted.

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# MP has designs on finding festive card winner

SCHOOL pupils are being asked to design a Christmas card for Cannock Chase's MP.

Amanda Milling has written to local primary and junior schools asking youngsters to submit their entries. The winning design will feature

on the front of the MP's official 2018 Christmas card and the two runners-up on the back. It will be sent out to hundreds of people, including the Prime Minister. Past years have seen hundreds of entries submitted. Ms Milling said: "Schools are back

from the summer and I am now turning my attention to Christmas and the design of my official 2018 Christmas card. The competition is always very popular." Schools have until October 22 to submit their pupils' designs.

# Work now complete on £1.3m stadium complex

WORK to redevelop a former stadium and create a new million pound sports complex has finally been completed and was set to be officially unveiled this week.

Around £1.3 million was ploughed into the derelict stadium at Pye Green in Cannock, which has been under construction for four years.

The finished article features a football pitch, children's play area, a sports complex, outdoor gym, a BMX and skateboard area, cycle and dog walking paths.

It was being opened to the public following a ribbon-cutting ceremony yesterday (Wednesday).

Cannock Chase District Council leader George Adamson said the facilities would benefit a deprived area.

He said: "We are all very excited about it.

## Wonderful

It has been six years since I first proposed that we save the stadium and after years of campaigning it is great to finally see it come into fruition.

"It is a deprived area so this will help people get fit and enjoy themselves at the same time. We are really pleased and a lot of people have come up and said how happy they are with it and how wonderful it is.

"A 75-year-old came up to me to tell me that he can now walk around the area after it was developed."

The stadium has been left undeveloped since it closed in 2008



Councillor's Christine Mitchell and George Adamson at the new facility and groups were forced to find new facilities.

It was earmarked for houses but plans were scrapped in 2012 as the council decided it would be revived as a sports and leisure facility.

Work started in April 2014 and the project is being funded using £517,500

Section 106 money from Asda, which handed the cash over as part of the conditions attached to building its 24-hour store in Avon Road, Cannock, in 2005.

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## Why did the MP cross the road?



TWO stories in The Chronicle (September 13) caught my eye – the idea to cut back on school crossing patrols to save money and the moving of constituency boundaries, potentially further reducing the workload of our MP Michael Fabricant.

Could I suggest he does something positive for his constituents and mans a school crossing himself? I've enclosed a cartoon to illustrate how that might look.

**MARK DE BANK**  
Burntwood

## Cuts clearly at the expense of child safety

IT is with great surprise to read that school crossing persons are to be removed by Staffordshire County Council as a cost-saving measure.

Cuts must be made on the deficit in the budget for the county says the spokesman for the council.

In my opinion clearly at the expense of child safety whilst going to and coming back from school.

These guys do a great job, ensuring

that children and parents cross the road safely.

Then when reading Public Notices one reads that additional speed bumps are to be installed in the roads at Norton Canes.

Are the county council trying to make Norton Canes the capital of speed bumps and take the crown from Great Wyrley?

Not only in the cost of putting them

down but also the extra cost occurred when maintenance of the road is required. But cuts have to be made?

There is also the added cost of pollution from the exhaust gases when vehicles accelerate and brake to go over these bumps, and the additional noise pollution from vehicles. What cost are these to public health?

**KEN HANNAFORD-MASON**  
Hednesford

## Battlefield tours for Armistice centenary

THIS November sees the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War. To mark the 100 years since the guns fell silent, leading historical research group Battlefield Memorial Tours will take a coach party to key sites on the former Western Front, and also to Ypres, Belgium, where a major service to mark the signing of the 1918 Armistice will take place at the world-famous Menin Gate.

The coach party will also visit the battlefield of Waterloo. The trip will run from November 10 to 13. For further details, visit [www.battlefieldmemorials.co.uk](http://www.battlefieldmemorials.co.uk) or contact organisers Malcolm Payne on 07850 775723 or Brian Long on 01629 650780.

**JOHN PHILLPOTT**  
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## Appeal from former lorry driver, 88

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I was wondering if any readers might have worked for these companies and if they could call me on 01309 641199 and I would call them right back.

The firms were Moorcream, Tipton, the manager was called Mr Pete Piola, M K G Creameries of Cannock, The Colonel Transport Cafe at Bloxwich, Salmons of Walsall, March & Baxter, Brierley Hill, and the Pantry Cafe. Another was Ashford Daries, Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge, the manager was Mr Jackson.

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IN his letter of September 6, 'Heartened to hear of battle-bus tour' Mr Turner of Rugeley is pondering about what name to give a new UKIP, but is there really a need for such a party?

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## Information day staged by members

SI Cannock & District

CANNOCK Soroptimists will be holding an information event on September 28 in Cannock town centre. Club members will be in the bandstand alongside St Luke's Church grounds from 10am until 4pm and will be on hand to chat about the work they do both locally and globally.

One of the Soroptimists' major issues at the moment is 'period poverty' – a petition can be signed on the Government petition site and can also be accessed via the SIGBI website.

Soroptimists are asking the public to donate any sanitary items which will then be distributed to women and girls in need in Cannock and district by Staffordshire Women's Aid.

They made a delivery of sanitary items earlier in the year which was appreciated so much and so now they are putting out a wider appeal.

Cannock SI president June Bould said: "The people of Cannock Chase are always so very generous when we collect for women in need locally. We're sure they will be this time – we will be delighted to see anyone who can make a donation of any sanitary item and also toiletry item which will then go to local refuges housing women and children victims of domestic abuse."

For anyone with items to donate but unable to go along on September 28, email [si.cannock@outlook.com](mailto:si.cannock@outlook.com) and Soroptimists will arrange for collection.

## Vibrant club retains healthy membership



New members Jennifer Elliott, Karen Stokes, Sue Friend and Angela Movius

CANNOCK and District Ladies Probuss are now in their 25th year and remain a vibrant and well-attended club.

Chairman Sheila Burrows has been delighted to welcome four new members this year: Karen Stokes, Sue Friend, Angela Movius, and Val Bryant. With prospective new member Jennifer Elliott attending last month, it ensured that membership is maintained at 65 – a healthy number to ensure that the club can be friendly, welcoming, and encompassing for ladies who like to socialise in a safe and relaxed manner.

Social secretary Jenny organises lots of trips out; Barbara organises at least one

### Cannock and District Ladies Probuss

holiday a year; and Pauline runs a regular craft club and a games afternoon.

Meetings for Cannock Ladies Probuss are held on the first Thursday of each month at The Chase Golf and Country Club for a meal at £15 and entertainment: usually a speaker.

Membership is £16 annually. To join or for further information, contact the membership secretary on 01889 882166 or log onto [www.probusonline.org](http://www.probusonline.org)

## Hat-trick of croquet titles

THE Cannock club beat rivals Wellington to win the Rotary District 1210 croquet final for the third year in a row.

The final, a 4-2 win for Cannock, was played at Shrewsbury Croquet Club and forms part of the Rotary District summer sports programme. The trophy

### Rotary Club of Cannock

was presented to the Cannock club sports officer and team captain Jacko Page by Simon Simms, District Sports officer.

He thanked both teams for a very sporting and entertaining final and con-

gratulated Cannock on their win. Jacko thanked the Rotary Club of Wellington "for an excellent game which was played in a sporting manner in the true spirit of Rotary".

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"We just felt we needed to diversify a bit more so we added a range of designer electric and gas fires and also brought in a new range of contemporary marble and limestone fire surrounds," Phil added.

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The team are confident you will find a perfect fireplace to match your home

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Now the big news! As their 15-year anniversary approaches and their showroom has been refurbished they are offering their best offer yet. Purchase ANY gas or electric fire with a fireplace suite and they will give you £200 OFF your total price.

"We wanted to give our customers our best offer yet. This is a genuine £200 OFF. So you can purchase any brand of fire (Dimplex, Celsi, Valor, Flavel, Wildfire, Kinder) with any of our fireplaces and we will deduct £200 off your bill," Phil said.

This offer started on Thursday, September 13 and ends on Saturday, September 29 so why wait – there's no better time to purchase that dream fireplace now before the clocks go back.

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## Builders homing in on coffee mornings



From left, Sonya Bagley, Mark Adams, Craig Floyd and Danielle Gadsby of Galliers and Cameron Homes, A HOUSEBUILDER was this week set to serve up a coffee and cakes in aid of charity.

Site managers at Cameron Homes were donning for aprons today (Thursday) to take part in The World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The initiative is part of the largest fundraiser organised by Macmillan Cancer Support, when the charity asks people all over the UK to host their own events. In 2017 more than £27 million was raised.

Danielle Gadsby, marketing executive for the Chasetown-based building firm, said they were keen to be involved.

She said: "We have ordered special Cameron aprons for the site managers at our development in Hill Rdware, near Rugeley, to wear at their coffee morning on September 20 so that they can help serve the coffee, tea and cakes to the local community."

Other Cameron sites in Derbyshire and Stratford-upon-Avon are hosting events and two sites being built by sister company Galliers Homes in Shropshire are also taking part.

# Appeal over war heroes in street name bid

**RELATIVES of seven First World War heroes whose names are engraved on a memorial in Chasetown are being sought.**

The heroes have their names etched on the monument in Memorial Park. Now Lichfield District Council is trying to locate their family members.

The authority is seeking consent to name six streets in a new housing development in honour of the ex-soldiers.

Burntwood Town Council proposed that the streets on the Milestone Way estate be named in memory of Chasetown's First World War heroes. The district council is responsible for street naming, and is seeking any surviving relatives to gain permission.

## Proposed

The names on the war memorial are: Herbert Derry, Harry Alltree, William Buckley, William F Kelly and John Kelly, Roy Hayward and Enoch Hancock.

The six proposed streets are: Alltree Road, Derry Drive, Hayward Drive, Hancock Close, Buckley Way and Kelly Close. Councillor Liz

## By David Banner

Little, District Council cabinet member for corporate & customer services, revenues & benefits, said: "We were pleased to accept Burntwood Town Council's suggestion to name these roads in honour of the seven local men who lost their lives fighting for their country in the First World War."

"As part of the street naming process we need to give any relatives the opportunity to tell us if they would rather the names are not used. Please get in touch to tell us if you give your consent."

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Jeremy Day and Steve Dourish at the Penkridge office

A FAST growing estate agency has opened a second branch in Penkridge, creating two full-time and three part-time jobs.

Dourish & Day, set up by Steve Dourish and Jeremy Day in March 2017, is on course to achieve its ambition of opening three offices by 2020. The company's new office is in a prime position in Crown Bridge.

In less than 18 months D&D has grown from a workforce of just two, its founding directors, to a team of 11 full-time and five part-time staff.

Steve Dourish said: "By opening a second branch we're improving our accessibility and are aiming to emulate the achievements of our Stafford office and become the estate agent of choice for Penkridge and the surrounding area."

The Penkridge office can be contacted between 8am and 9pm every day.

Viewings can be arranged seven days a week.

# Donation helps village poppy project to grow

AN arts project to help mark the centenary of the First World War Armistice has received a cash boost.

The aim of the Penkridge Poppies initiative is to bring the community together to make 8,555 poppies, the equivalent of the village population.

It was launched by Penkridge Methodist Church and has the support of the public, community groups, schools and uniformed organisations.

The project received a £1,000 donation from Persimmon Homes West Midlands - which is currently building at Lyne Hill Meadow, Stafford Road - through the housebuilder's monthly Community Champions scheme.

Director-in-charge Stephen Cleveley



Deacon Sue Culver with poppies

said: "We strongly believe in supporting the communities where we build and are delighted to be able to help such a worthwhile project."

Charities and organisations can

apply each month to the Community Champions scheme for a match-funded donation of up to £1,000. The poppies will be displayed in a cascade down the front of the Methodist Church in Clay Street with a Poppy Trail around the village for people to follow, with stopping points for information about the Armistice, reflections and poetry.

Craft events are being organised to create the poppies, with one recently supported by Penkridge Round Table. Deacon Sue Culver said: "We are seeking funding to help with the costs of the craft events and the materials needed to make the cascade and the trail."

"We do not want anyone to be excluded from the project on the grounds of costs and individual groups have been provided with packs of materials if necessary."

# Building on green belt is opposed

LABOUR councillors have maintained a strong opposition to building on green belt in Burntwood.

In reply to the Lichfield Local Plan, district council deputy Labour group leader Diane Evans said: "I was pleased to hear the Coulter Lane and Highfield Road development sites have been withdrawn but I am still concerned about submissions being made by developers, who are only interested in profiting at the expense of Burntwood residents."

"They are arguing to be able to build anywhere and everywhere, taking little or no account of the importance of preserving our precious green belt."

Councillor Colin Ball said: "Our planning team has put up a very strong case."



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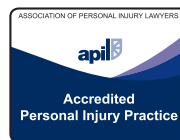


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The trips were organised by the Inland Waterways Association, together with the Truman Enterprise Narrowboat Trust.

They were put on for free for young people, the

elderly and disadvantaged groups thanks to a grant from Rugeley Parish Council.

Volunteer co-ordinator Margaret Beardsmore said: "Despite the showery weather everyone had a really good time enjoying our beautiful Trent and Mersey Canal which runs through Rugeley."

# HS2 a 'dying white elephant', says MP

TORY MP Sir Bill Cash has branded HS2 a 'dying white elephant' which 'half the Cabinet want to chuck'.

The veteran politician, who represents Stone, argued there were now grounds for a full public inquiry into the 'disastrous' project. He called on Chancellor Philip Hammond to 'stop throwing money down a black hole' and bring an end 'to this vanity project'.

The controversial £56 billion project is set to carve through 45 miles of Staffordshire countryside. Sporting a HS2 white elephant badge, Sir Bill told MPs in a Westminster Hall debate there was now 'gathering momentum' to scrap the scheme, which had already cost taxpayers more than £4 billion 'before construc-

tion has even started'. He said: "When the public don't support HS2 as, we have seen, environmental groups are up in arms, now that half the Cabinet want to chuck it so it would appear, it's time to call it a day."

"The Chancellor needs to stop throwing money down a black hole and put the brakes on this vanity project before it leaves the station. It is a dying white elephant and I now believe there are grounds for having a full review into this disastrous project."

Sir Bill added anxiety caused by the line had made some of his constituents 'physically ill', and hit out at the lavish wages paid to HS2 executives.

Fellow HS2 opponent, Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy, called for a 'full national rail plan'.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Monthly pub quiz helps out charity

A PUB'S monthly quiz nights have helped to raised £1,000 for charity.

The Trident in Burntwood, run by Admiral Taverns, has raised the cash for Acorns Hospice.

The licensee reached the sum with a quiz night on the first Thursday of every month, costing £2 entry for the quiz.

### Care home hosts talk on dementia

FAMILY and friends of care home residents have been invited to take part in a talk on dementia.

The Spires care home, in Lichfield, will host the event, from 10.30am on October 1.

A dementia specialist will give a talk. To reserve a place call 01543 419740.

### Shugborough is host for bat walk

A BAT walk is being held in the grounds of the Shugborough estate on Saturday.

It starts at 6.30pm from the main visitor car park. Cost is £8 for adults and £6 children and placed must be booked on 03442 491895.

Participants need to bring torches and wear outdoor suitable footwear.

### Eight-mile ramble

CHASE Ramblers head off on an eight-mile easy/moderate walk from Deep Hayes, near Leek, on Sunday.

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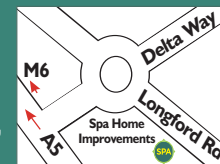
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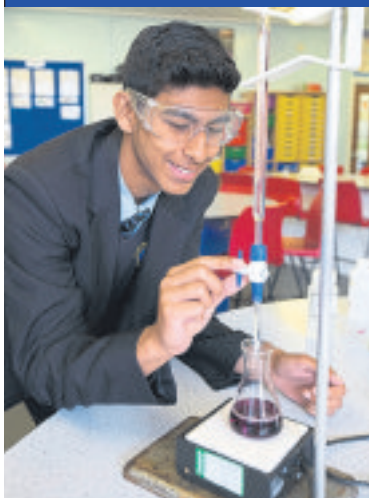
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## On cloud nine with skydive fundraiser



Tony Chew during his skydive with the Red Devils parachute display team

A DARING car salesman took to the skies – for a leap of faith in aid of charity.

Tony Chew, sales executive at Cannock car dealership Brindley Honda in Walsall Road, joined the Red Devils – the British Army parachute display team – to plunge thousands of feet through the air for a sponsored jump.

Mr Chew is still adding up his total from the jump in Nottingham, but has passed the £1,000 mark. Last Sep-

tember, Tony's parents-in-law were involved in a car crash and the West Midlands Air Ambulance arrived on the scene to airlift his father-in-law to Royal Stoke University Hospital. He has since made a full recovery.

Mr Chew said: "After my father-in-law's recovery I was determined to give something back and say thank you," said Tony, who lives in Essington and has worked at Brindley Honda for 23 years.

## Jobless number across region falls by 30,000

**AROUND 30,000 people have come off the jobless queues around the West Midlands over the last year, new figures show.**

Unemployment in the three months to July was down to 134,000 – an 18.4 per cent drop on a year ago.

In Staffordshire the number of peo-

ple claiming unemployment-related benefits rose by 185 to 7,040, with Stafford up 40 to 850, South Staffordshire rising 25 to 955 and Cannock Chase up by 10 to 835.

Benefit counts have risen nationwide, largely due to the increasing roll-out of the new Universal Credit system around the country.

County council bosses, meanwhile, are hailing the impact of Stafford-

shire's thriving business sites as boosting job opportunities.

A new base for major employer Gestamp opened at Four Ashes Business Park last week, while two speculative developments are being built on the rest of the sites.

Economic growth leader Councillor Mark Winnington said: "It is pleasing to mark another business success milestone in Staffordshire."

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# Follow in Tolkien's steps on history trail

**FAMILIES** can follow in the footsteps of the Lord of the Rings author as part of a two month celebration of the county's past.

Historic buildings and landscapes, famous people, unique discoveries like the Staffordshire Hoard and the county's role during the Great War are among the stories being explored during the Staffordshire History Festival.

More than 140 events organised by the county council's libraries, arts and museum services will take place over September and October, celebrating the county's rich heritage.

Among the events are a 10-mile Tolkien trail, led by historian David Robbie on October 21. A 12-mile Cannock Chase trail will follow on November 8.

A free exhibition of Cannock Chase in pictures takes place throughout October at the town's library, while visitors are encouraged to bring in a photo and a synopsis of a war hero to add to its local heroes gallery.

Rugeley Library features a Cannock Chase Through Time exhibition, a talk on the infamous Dr William Palmer – the Rugeley Poisoner – and an NHS 70th anniversary display put on by the Lander Local History Society.

County Councillor Gill Heath, libraries chief, said: "As a county steeped in history, from the Staffordshire Hoard, wonderful buildings like Lichfield Cathedral to the industrial revolution this is sure to be a wonderful celebration of our fascinating past."

"It's wonderful to see our libraries playing such a key role in the festival."

A full list of events is available at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/libraries). Some events need to be booked.



Historian David Robbie with Gordon Richards, owner of Gypsy Green Cottage, in Great Haywood, where JRR Tolkien used to live

## Shining light on Chase past

**HISTORY** buffs can learn about the fascinating past of Cannock Chase in a pop-up exhibition touring the county's libraries.

Using the latest Lidar and aerial photography technology, the Chase through Time project has helped unravel more than 2,000 years of human activity across the site.

Amongst the discoveries are over 430 new archaeological sites, many of which form part of the remains of the two Great War training camps where in excess of 500,000 men were trained. These include practice trenches, assault courses, weapons pits, and an extensive replica 'battlefield', which

were constructed in the area in the early months of the war. It is on display at Rugeley Library until the end of September.

The project, was delivered by Staffordshire County Council and Historic England with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, has also shone a light on the Chase's long and varied history by revealing prehistoric monuments, evidence for the medieval management and division of the landscape, and the area's significant industrial heritage.

More information about the Project and exhibition can be found at [www.chasethroughtime.info](http://www.chasethroughtime.info)

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# 16 Vigilance plea on cat poisonings

The Chronicle Thursday, September 20, 2018

CAT owners are being urged to keep a close eye on their pets after a spate of suspected poisonings in Lichfield.

Cats Protection's Lichfield and Tamworth branch has been alerted to a number of cases in the Trent Valley area of the city.

Volunteers are recommending poisonous substances used in the home or garden, such as pest killers, antifreeze and disinfectants to be kept securely, and they are urging owners to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour towards cats to the RSPCA hotline on 0300 123 8018.

Branch team leader Sue Hocknell said: "Remaining vigilant can help keep cats safe."

# Keeper swaps gloves to launch boxing initiative

**FORMER Albion goalkeeper Scott Carson is ready to don a different pair of gloves after launching a boxing studio aimed to boost public fitness.**

Derby shot-stopper Carson, who also played for Villa, is keen to offer punters a chance at enjoying the health kicks that the sport can bring without its competitive edge.

His new fitness centre in Lichfield, BeatBox studio, has seen a huge take-up by women – with 80 per cent of the first month's membership enjoying the centre's unique qualities.

BeatBox aims to offer the workouts without an intimidating or hostile environment, offering instead classes in a 'nightclub' environment.

Carson said: "It's early days yet



Goalkeeper Scott Carson

but it's really pleasing to see so many memberships from groups who might not normally take up boxing as a fitness regime.

"We created BeatBox for anyone who wants to have the physique that

boxing training provides, but without having to get into an actual fight.

"This is not about women's' or men's' only areas, but about breaking down barriers."

Carson added: "When you are dancing in a club you are less inhibited than if you were dancing in daylight. You might not give 100 per cent for fear of people looking. We thought why would a workout be any different?"

Customers can even workout to live DJ sets.

Carson, who won four England caps, is a director at the centre, which includes as trainers Team GB kickboxing coach and Team SAS head coach Tony Anderton, champion Kickboxer and GB Taekwondo competitor Shannon Ryan and operations director, former Wolves prodigy Nathan Lamey.

# Hair we go to boost charity



Gabriela Holland with the lock of hair she had cut off

FUNDRAISING proved a snip for a Cheslyn Hay youngster who had her locks lopped off for charity.

Gabriela Holland, aged seven, a Year Three pupil at Cheslyn Hay Primary, decided to have hair long hair cut short to donate to the Little Princess Trust. The charity makes wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer treatment and other illnesses.

Gabriela's mother Kasia said: "It is very inspiring that a seven-year-old girl wants to do this. We are so very proud of Gabriela and hope it will help some little child whose hair can't grow back like hers will."

Gabriela had 12 inches cut off at VIP Hair in Landywood Lane, Cheslyn Hay. She has raised £500 to date, which will also be sent to the children's charity.

Salon owner Vanessa Horrocks said: "We are delighted to be able to contribute to helping Gabriela raise this money."

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# Old police HQ being used as playground

**YOUTHS** are putting their lives at risk by using the former Walsall police station as an unofficial playground, according to a police chief.

Chief Superintendent Andy Parsons, commander at Walsall Police, has said youngsters are putting themselves in danger by entering the dilapidated building on Green Lane.

Mr Parsons said: "I'm urging people to stay away from the building as it is extremely unsafe. Fortunately we haven't received any reports of any injuries but I fear if this activity continues, it will only be a matter of time.

"We're working with partners and have recently served a community protection warning notice on the land owner which gives them 28 days to re-secure the site.

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"We've also spoken to the owner who has assured us that the site will be secured imminently.

"This behaviour is not only irresponsible but also illegal, we've increased patrols in the area in an effort to trace those involved."

Police officers were moved out of the 36,500 sq ft building in October 2016 and the property is no longer owned by the West Midlands Police as it was sold in November 2017. It was sold as part of the overall force estates strategy which earmarked buildings which were not fit-for-purpose and where savings could be made to help protect policing services in the future.



The station, built in October 1967



The landmark building is now rundown

Police have been previously alerted to trespassers on the site, along with an arson attack, numerous metal thefts and sightings of teens riding bikes on the roof.

A 17-year-old was arrested on Monday on suspicion of burglary at the property, and was released pending investigation.

Officers from neighbourhood policing teams moved into Walsall Civic Centre in 2016 as part of a partnership with the local authority to allow partners to work even closer together. Labour councillor Lee Jeavons, who represents Birchills Leamore, said youngsters should heed the police's warning and avoid the site. He said:

"Any empty building could have dangers inside. It's not advisable to go into there and since it's private property, you will be trespassing.

"Please do not go in there because it's a building the police abandoned because it was not safe for use and you don't know what hazards are in there.

"I've not seen anything myself, but I've seen reports that there has been anti-social behaviour on the site. So my message to the owner is please secure your site."

The owners were unavailable for comment. Anyone with information can call West Midlands Police on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



## Salon is cut above after 15 years

VIP Hair salon is celebrating 15 years in business this year.

The business opened in High Street, Cheslyn Hay, Walsall, in September 2003.

Owners Paul and Vanessa Horrocks come from family of hairdressers and daughter Charlotte now works as a stylist for the business.

Paul Horrocks said: "VIP Hair is the largest independent salon in area and boasts a fantastic team of 18 staff."

He added: "We pride ourselves on our commitment to training and staff attend regular courses in the

latest styling /cutting techniques. We also have a policy of 'grow your own' through our apprenticeship programme."

The client experience in the salon is at the heart of what staff do.

As part of the salon's 15-year celebrations, staff are participating in Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday, September 28.

The salon is offering customers the chance to win amazing prizes including a Dyson Supersonic Professional hairdryer worth £300 and much more.

Call in at the salon to purchase raffle tickets to help staff raise money for a fantastic cause.

This event is followed on Saturday, October 6 by a Prosecco day where there will be goody bags and a

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# Gestamp in driving seat with new £50m plant

A CAR parts manufacturer has moved up a gear with a switch to a new high-tech factory.

Gestamp, which churns out parts for some of the biggest names in the car industry, threw open the doors of its Four Ashes plant to local dignitaries, customers and suppliers following a £50m investment.

Its cutting edge manufacturing technology includes the biggest hot stamping manufacturing line in the country as well as the first of a fleet of self-driving automatic fork lift trucks.

The move comes four years after the team at Gestamp first came up with the plan to replace its ageing plant in Cannock, which opened in 1965.

## Wraps

It will hit top gear later this year when it starts producing parts for a brand new vehicle that is still under wraps. It will go on to employ 800 people.

Around 1,000 people currently work at Gestamp in Cannock. Bosses said everyone was being offered the chance to work at the new site by the time the Wolverhampton Road site closes in around two years time.

He said the workforce would reduce to 800 through the use of agency workers, natural wastage and retirement.

Meanwhile the company is also investing heavily in training, with around 85 apprentices spread across its seven UK sites, as well as a rolling programme of training for the company's entire workforce.

Paul Felton, plant director for both Cannock and the new Gestamp West Midlands (GWM) factory, says it will have made component sets for more



Executive chairman Francisco Riberas unveils the new 50,000 sq m plant



The Gestamp factory in Four Ashes that will replace the Cannock plant

than 300,000 cars by the end of next year and production is set to rise far past that.

Turnover at the Cannock site is around £100m a year, making parts for JLR, Toyota, Nissan, Renault and BMW, but "over the next two years this site will overtake that, reaching

£130 million," said Mr Felton. Executive chairman, Spanish automotic tycoon Francisco Riberas, who officially opened the plant, said: "This new plant is more efficient and competitive. "It is a customer-focussed factory with opportunity for further growth with both existing and new clients."

## Parking charges to bring in £200k

STREET parking charges could be introduced in town centres as part of a move to raise up to £200,000 a year.

Staffordshire County Council wants to make the changes as part of proposals to close a £35 million shortfall in its budget for next year.

The charges could be introduced in Stafford, Cannock and Hednesford, where there are currently no on-street charges. Fees do exist in Burton and Newcastle.

This proposal is one being considered by the council to help bridge a shortfall, partly caused by the increasing costs of care.

Helen Fisher, cabinet member for highways and transport, said the charges would be for short-stay. The local authority has not revealed the roads being looked at. The proposal is part of the budget plan for 2019/20, which will go before councillors for a decision in February.

Councillor Fisher said: "We are exploring the option of more on-street charging for short-stay. These are actually popular with local towns as they encourage better turnover close to shops, rather than people parking all day, better availability of space and lowers enforcement costs."

The charges – and bus lane enforcement – would generate £200,000, according to budget papers published last week.

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Some of the Deer-men reflect on their duties



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VILLAGERS turned out to watch the Abbots Bromley Horn Dance, an English folk tradition whose origins date back to the Middle Ages.

Performed annually on Wakes Monday, the dancers comprise six

Deer-men bearing reindeer antlers, accompanied by a Fool, a Hobby, a Bowman and a Maid Marian.

Musical accompaniment to the dance is provided by two accordion players and a boy with a triangle. First

performed in 1226 to ensure successful hunting, it is one of the few remaining rural customs to survive to this day in the UK.

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# Auntie play is awfully big draw

Tickets have been selling fast for the stage adaptation of David Walliams' book Awful Auntie, which comes to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre this month.

Demand has been so great that an extra performance has been arranged. The additional show at 3pm on September 30 follows eight other performances of the play, beginning on September 26.

The show is being presented by Birmingham Stage Company, the group behind the award-winning West End production of Walliams' Gangsta Granny.

Awful Auntie tells the story of Stella, who sets off to visit London with her parents, Lord and Lady Saxby, without realising her life is in danger. Waking up three months later, only her Aunt Alberta can tell Stella what has happened. But can she be trusted? Stella is soon caught up in the fight of her life!

Sales of David Walliams' Awful Auntie book have now reached over a million copies, making the former Little Britain comedian and Britain's Got Talent judge one of the country's best-selling children's authors.

His books have been translated into more than 50 languages, bringing worldwide sales to more than 17 million, and three of his books have won the National Children's Book Awards.

Tickets for Awful Auntie can be bought online at [www.grandtheatre.co.uk](http://www.grandtheatre.co.uk) or by calling 01902 429212.

Kylie is fit and fabulous at 50, bringing her show to Brum



## Kylie's new Golden age

It's been a remarkable year for Kylie.

The pint-sized chanteuse celebrated her 50th birthday in style, sang at the Queen's birthday party at the Royal Albert Hall and released a stunning new album, Golden, which went to number one in the UK and Australia.

The Aussie star is back with a new arena tour including a concert at Birmingham's Genting Arena tomorrow night (Friday).

Golden was largely written in Nashville,

Tennessee, where Kylie Minogue says she found new inspiration. She co-wrote each track, the first time she had done so since her Impossible Princess record of 1997.

The record followed the break-down of a recent relationship – though it was avowedly not a break-up record.

"The last thing I'd want is a breakup album," she says. "I was done with that. Through! Moved on! And I was so much happier to have moved on."

"It's about me and about where I find myself at this point in my life."

Kylie has embraced 50 in buoyant mood. She says: "On Golden, the line I had in my head was 'we're not young, we're not old, we're golden.' We adapted it for the song. I was often asked 'how does it feel to be a woman your age in this industry?'" and I was just over it.

"For my own satisfaction, I wanted to be able to say that we just are who we are at any point in time."

# Get Boogie Shoes on for Night Fever

Actor and dancer Richard Winsor, star of TV drama Casualty, will be stepping into John Travolta's dancing shoes when he takes on the role of Tony Manero in theatre mogul Bill Kenwright's new stage production of Saturday Night Fever.

The tour will call at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, September 25 to 29.

No doubt donning the iconic white suit, Winsor will be hitting the dancefloor in the story of a disco romeo who lives for the weekend.

The show is full of 70s hits from the all-time best-selling movie soundtrack including Boogie Shoes, Disco Inferno and Bee Gees hits Stayin' Alive, Tragedy, How Deep Is Your Love, Night Fever, More Than A Woman, Jive Talkin' and You Should Be Dancing.

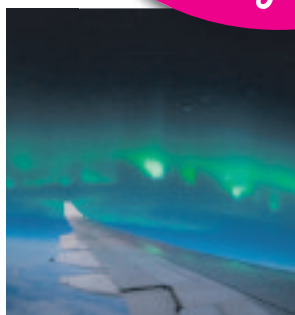
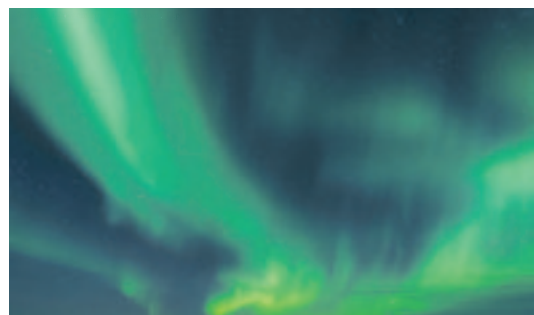
Opposite Winsor, who is a former member of Matthew Bourne's acclaimed dance company, will be Kate Parr as Stephanie Manero. Her stage credits include Follies at the National Theatre. There is a supporting cast with lots of West End experience between them.

Whilst paying homage to the movie, this new stage version promises more drama, more music and new choreography. It is directed and produced by Kenwright with choreography by Olivier Award-winning Bill Deamer. The stage adaptation is by Robert Stigwood with Bill Oakes.

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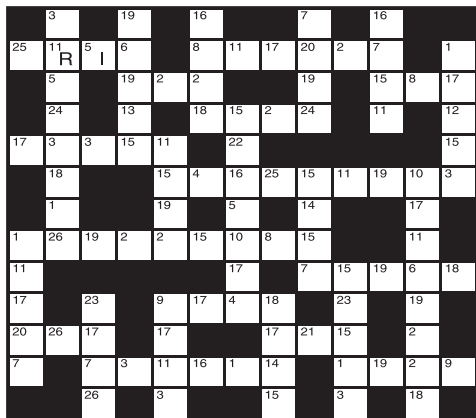
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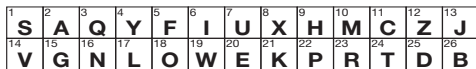
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

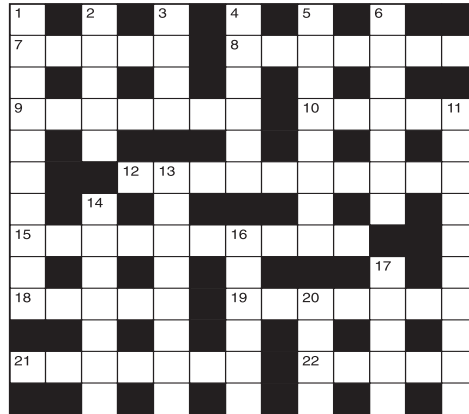
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#### Across

7. Fruit of the melon variety (5)
8. Possible purse of plenty (7)
9. He escaped to become famous (7)
10. Different route further from the centre (5)
12. Not against change though it's the wrong condition for it (10)
15. Show little promise as a sculptor (5,5)
18. Loudly call out after a plea for silence (5)
19. Something a tanner will buy! (7)
21. Stops in crooked side streets (7)
22. A temple ornament? (5)

#### Down

1. They tried to extract gold from St. Michael's (10)
2. Affair of love in a rum setting (5)
3. It turns up after an opponent (4)
4. Water-bound (6)
5. One line future travellers may take (8)
6. Dock or rail cut reviewed (7)
11. Don't maintain a well-balanced pace? (3,4,3)
13. A trieste composition (8)
14. Brave child backed by the mother (7)
16. Stop doing wrong (6)
17. Put six on the vehicle for the clergyman (5)
20. Keep them about you for emergencies (4)



### Quick Clues:

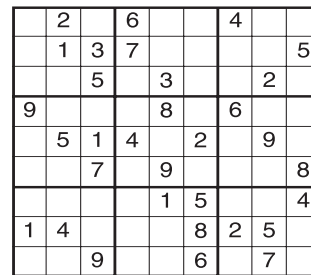
#### Across

7. Fat (5)
8. Joy (7)
9. Realm (7)
10. Vagrant (5)
12. Detail (10)
15. Trifling offence (10)
18. Recover (5)
19. Laborious (7)
21. Straddling (7)
22. Vision (5)

#### Down

1. Accountant (10)
2. Agency (5)
3. Lean (4)
4. Allow (6)
5. Of ships (8)
6. Maim (7)
11. Waywardness (10)
13. Resolution (8)
14. Assistant (7)
16. Idols (6)
17. Strong (5)
20. Elan (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

9	5	1	6	3	2	8	4	7
2	7	6	4	1	8	3	9	5
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4	3	9	7	6	1	5	2	8
8	6	5	3	2	9	4	7	1
7	1	2	5	8	4	6	3	9

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Overseers; 8 Lee; 9 Reciprocity; 11 Rampage; 12 Piper; 13 Curare; 15 Ordain; 17 Limit; 18 Crackle; 20 Self-control; 22 Cue; 23 Stallions.  
Down: 2 Vex; 3 Sepia; 4 Evoked; 5 Sharper; 6 Sleepwalker; 7 Rearrange; 10 Compromised; 11 Recollect; 14 Rattles; 16 Acacia; 19 Annul; 21 Own. QUICK - Across: 1 Knowledge; 8 Run; 9 Approximate; 11 Precede; 12 Thong; 13 Shindy; 15 Script; 17 Phial; 18 Brevity; 20 Antecedence; 22 Eat; 23 Desperate. Down: 2 Nip; 3 Loose; 4 Driver; 5 Elastic; 6 Premonition; 7 Unsignify; 10 Precipitate; 11 Postponed; 14 Dilated; 16 Abacus; 19 Endue; 21 Cut.

## Quiz

1. How is a leucocyte more commonly known?
2. What is the name of the Russian space station visited by the shuttle Atlantis?
3. In which city was the first underground train line opened, in 1863?
4. What do the letters UHF stand for?
5. Which Virginian star lost his fight against cancer in 1995?
6. What is a jerboa?
7. What nationality was the pioneering sixteenth-century astronomer Tycho Brahe?
8. Which physician coined the word vaccination?
9. Which tribe did Crazy Horse lead?
10. Which aircraft safety device was invented by British engineer James Martin?

### Last week's solutions:

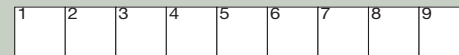
Quiz: 1 Eland; 2 Kramer vs Kramer; 3 Succubus; 4 Seaweeds; 5 Walter de la Mare; 6 Czechoslovakia; 7 Whale; 8 Lazarus; 9 NATO; 10 George IV.  
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## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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David makes a major breakthrough as he goes in search of the truth behind the attack on Julia. However, his interference in the case has placed him in mortal danger, and he comes to realise that there is no one left who believes his story. With time rapidly running out, he faces a battle to prove his innocence in the face of mounting evidence against him. Jed Mercurio's six-part political thriller comes to a conclusion with an extended final episode. Starring Richard Madden, Gina McKee and Nina Toussaint-White. Last in the series.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **8.30** Match of the Day. (R) **10.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **11.00** Regional Programme. **11.30** Sunday Morning Live. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News. **1.15** Hold the Sunset. (R) **1.45** Hold the Sunset. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Points of View. **3.15** Songs of Praise. **3.50** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.50** Shop Well for Less? (R) **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.35** BBC News. **6.50** Regional Programme. **7.00** **Countryfile**. Matt Baker and Anita Rani present coverage of the 2018 One Man and His Dog contest from the village of Llansteffan, south Wales, featuring teams from England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland, each comprised of a veteran shepherd and a child in training. Anita also takes a trip on a ferry across the Tywi estuary and discovers how cockles are one of the area's richest natural resources. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** **Antiques Roadshow**. Fiona Bruce visits the Parliament Buildings at Stormont Estate in Belfast, which has played a huge role in Northern Ireland's political history. An unloved muffin dish holds a surprise and Justin Croft spots an unread copy of Ulysses by James Joyce. John Foster delves underground into Belfast's 18th-century water system with an old wooden water pipe, while Adam Schoon meets a man with a phenomenal George Best collection. **9.00** **Bodyguard**. David has made a major breakthrough in his investigation, but his search for the truth has placed him in danger and he faces a fight to prove his innocence. Last in the series. **10.15** BBC News. **10.35** Regional Programme. **10.45** **Match of the Day 2**. Mark Chapman presents highlights of the day's top Premier League fixtures – West Ham United v Chelsea at the London Stadium and Arsenal v Everton at the Emirates Stadium. **11.45** **The Women's Football Show**. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level. **12.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.25** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.35** Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **7.35** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** PDC Champions League of Darts. Coverage of the concluding group-stage matches from Brighton Centre, as the players to have progressed through the group stage hope to claim the £100,000 first prize. These matches will take place over the best of 21 legs, as the winner of the third staging of this tournament is set to be decided. **10.00** **Mock the Week**. Host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis are joined by guests Ed Byrne, Ed Gamble, Kerry Godliman, Nish Kumar and Rachel Parris. (R) **10.30** **No Activity**. Stokes has had to go back to the station for a chat about the shooting incident, so Hendy is joined by an American detective. Carol shares romantic reminiscences with April. **10.55** **No Activity**. After weeks of surveillance, the drugs bust finally gets underway. However, Hendy is frustrated that he and Stokes are too far from the action. Last in the series. **11.20** **The Mighty Redcar**. Netball prodigy Sadyr has been awarded a partial scholarship – but her mum still needs to find some of the money. Bean and Tom face a big decision when a job offer comes their way. (R) **12.05** American Justice. When he was 12 years old, Sharron Townsend was arrested for shooting a homeless man in the head. Now aged 14, he is facing justice. As this edition reveals, in Florida, children can be transferred to adult courts at the discretion of the State Attorney, so there is no upper limit on Sharron's sentence. Cameras also follow Jeremiah Hill, who shot a man during a gun trade when he was 13 years old. Now the justice system must decide how best to protect society. (R) **1.05** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.05** Holby City. (R) **3.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Cut the Rope: Om Nom Stories. **7.05** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.15** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.30** ToonMarty. (R) **7.40** ToonMarty. (R) **7.55** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** Spy School. (R) **8.55** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Cannonball. (R) **10.20** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **11.20** WDS Wrestling. (R) **12.20** The X Factor. (R) **1.35** ITV News: Weather. **1.45** £10k Holiday Home. (R) **2.15** Emmerdale 1918. (R) **2.45** Catchphrase. (R) **3.30** Tenable. (R) **4.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.30** The Chase. (R) **6.30** **ITV News: Weather**. **6.45** **Regional Programme: Weather**. **7.00** **5 Gold Rings**. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which two siblings and a team of firemen compete to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor. Viewers can play along using the series app. **8.00** **The X Factor**. The audition rounds continue in the talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary, with judges Robbie Williams, Ayda Williams, Louis Tomlinson and Simon Cowell deciding who goes through. **9.00** **Vanity Fair**. The battle of Waterloo gets underway, with George fighting in the thick of it. Amelia fears for her husband's life, while Jos is far more worried about himself, despite being miles from the front line. Becky sees an opportunity to make a profit from the chaos of war by selling Rawdon's horses – knowing that the cowardly Jos will pay her anything for a way to escape. **10.05** **The Imitation Game**. Alexander Armstrong hosts the panel show, with Rory Bremner, Debra Stephenson, Luke Kempner and Kate Robbins performing a spoof of Downton Abbey and finding a date for Kim Woodburn. **10.45** **ITV News: Weather**. **11.05** **Joanna Lumley's Silk Road Adventure**. Joanna Lumley follows the Silk Road from the Black Sea to the Caspian Sea, travelling across the post-Soviet states of Georgia and Azerbaijan. (R) **12.05** Strangers. (R) **12.55** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** Motorsport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **6.45** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Film: ParaNorman. (2012) **3.20** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.35** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** Grand Designs. (R) **6.35** **Channel 4 News**. **7.00** **Cruises from Hell: Caught on Camera**. A cautionary roll-call of nautical nightmares demonstrating what can happen when people venture out on water. From vast cruise ships and ferries pounded by extraordinary weather, to near-death experiences on board vessels that catch fire and sink, the documentary reveals incredible moments, as told by the survivors, while psychologists discuss the seaborne anxieties people could experience on vessels ranging from the largest ships to small canoes. (R) **8.00** **Battle of Britain: Model Squadron**. The modellers reach Battle of Britain Day – 15 September 1940, when the RAF threw everything at the massed squadrons of Luftwaffe that were trying to attack London. It was on this day that Douglas Bader's controversial tactic, the Big Wing, was successfully deployed as five squadrons flew together in tight formation. The RAF modellers must try to bring to life a model Big Wing, getting all of their planes in the sky at once and flying in formation before their final dogfight with the model Luftwaffe. Last in the series. **9.00** **Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls**. The castaways efforts to catch fish have yielded no results over the first 10 days on the island, so Montana Brown and Anthony Ogogo change tactics by going hunting for meat. **10.00** **The Circle**. Series assessing the impact of social media, in which individuals from all walks of life compete in a popularity contest to win up to £50,000. **11.00** **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown**. Jimmy Carr hosts. (R) **12.00** Film: Queen and Country. (2014) **2.05** Mobil 1: The Grid. (R) **2.30** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R) **3.25** Grand Designs Australia. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **6.30** Luo Bao Bei. (R) **6.40** Dobby Dragon. (R) **6.50** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.00** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.30** Rusty Rivets. **7.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.25** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.00** Pirata & Capitano. **9.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.30** Noggin. (R) **9.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **10.00** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.20** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 3. (R) **11.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.55** Friends. (R) **12.25** Friends. (R) **12.55** Friends. (R) **1.25** Friends. (R) **1.55** Friends. (R) **2.25** Friends. (R) **2.55** Friends. (R) **3.25** Friends. (R) **3.55** Friends. (R) **4.20** Friends. (R) **4.50** Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. **5.50** Access. **5.55** Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) Concluded. **6.30** **Film: King Kong**. (2005) Maverick film-maker Carl Denham and his cast and crew board a ship bound for a mysterious island – but when they arrive, a giant gorilla carries off their leading lady, Ann Darrow. As the crew makes its way through the teeming jungle to find her, the director conceals a dangerous scheme to capture the great ape and take it back to New York. Peter Jackson's remake of the fantasy adventure, starring Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody and Andy Serkis, in a dual role as the ship's cook and motion-captured creature. Edited for language, violence and tone. **7.30** **5 News Update**. **7.35** **Film: King Kong**. (2005) Concluded. **9.55** **5 News Weekend**. **10.00** **Big Brother**. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. **11.30** **20 Moments That Rocked Britain**. Documentary looking back at major news events from the past 40 years that made a lasting impression on the British public. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** HMS Victory: Nelson's Great Warfare. (R) **4.00** Tribal Tens. (R) **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R) **5.35** Great Artists. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Leeds International Piano Competition 2018 **8.30** What Do Artists Do All Day? **9.00** James May's Cars of the People **10.00** Roman Britain: A Timewatch Guide **11.00** Roger Bannister: Everest on the Track **12.00** The Last Explorers **1.00** Treasures of Ancient Greece **2.00** Pappano's Classical Voices **3.00** James May's Cars of the People **4.00** Close  
**ITV2**  
**1.05** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **2.10** FYI Daily **2.15** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **2.55** The X Factor **4.10** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **6.00** Film: The LEGO Movie (2014) **7.05** FYI Daily **7.10** Film: The LEGO Movie (2014) **8.00** Film: Quantum of Solace (2008) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** Film: Quantum of Solace (2008) **10.10** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** The Cleveland Show **1.05** Ghosted **1.25** Release the Hounds **2.25** Teleshopping  
**ITV3**  
**2.55** Film: Colombo Goes to the Guillotine (1989) **4.30** Foyle's War **9.00** The Good Karma Hospital **11.00** Wire in the Blood **1.05** A Touch of Frost **2.55** Road to Avonlea **4.35** Judge Judy  
**ITV4**  
**1.50** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) **3.40** Film: Where Eagles Dare (1968) **4.40** FYI Daily **4.45** Film: Where Eagles Dare (1968) **6.50** Film: Tobruk (1967) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** Film: Tobruk (1967) **9.00** Film: Rocky V (1990) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: Rocky V (1990) **11.10** Film: Source Code (2011) **12.10** The Protectors **1.35** Minder **2.35** British Touring Cars – Crashes and Smashes **2.45** ITV4  
Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**11.15** The Goldbergs **1.20** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.20** Young Sheldon **3.20** The Big Bang Theory **6.50** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **9.00** Krypton **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** Tattoo Fixers: Extreme **1.10** The Inbetweeners **2.15** Krypton  
**Film4**  
**1.00** Stuart Little 2 (2002) **2.35** The House of Magic (2013) **4.20** The Jewel of the Nile (1985) **6.40** Suffragette (2015) **9.00** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1 (2014) **11.20** The Sweeney (2012) **1.35** No (2012) **4.00** Close

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## Three-bedroomed bungalow has been modernised

**An exceptional executive three-bedroomed detached bungalow, 107 Hatherton Road, Longford, Cannock, has been tastefully modernised by its current owner.**

Having versatile and stylish living accommodation throughout, it is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £350,000 with no chain.

It is situated in the very prestigious area of Longford/Hatherton, being well placed to provide easy access to Cannock town centre, which has a wide range of amenities. The location also benefits from being just a short distance away from Cannock Chase, an area of outstanding natural beauty.

It is set upon a slightly elevated position off Hatherton Road.

Its accommodation briefly comprises of an entrance hallway, a guest WC, a re-fitted kitchen/diner with various integrated appliances, a utility room, a lounge with a feature staircase to the first floor loft area (currently awaiting certificate of completion for conversion), two ground floor bedrooms, a rear aspect master bedroom with fitted wardrobes, an en-suite bathroom with separate shower cubicle, a bay window and double doors opening onto a lovely, well established rear garden. The second ground floor bedroom has an en-suite shower room and also fitted wardrobes.

At the front of the property is an extensive block paved driveway offering ample parking for a number of vehicles as well as a garage.

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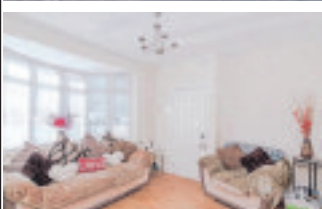
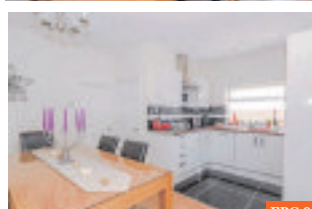



- Two Bedrooms
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- Lounge
- 2 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gardens
- Driveway
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**NEW** **Stoneyfields Close, Cannock**  
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- Spacious Lounge
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- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Corner Plot
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**NEW** **Bradbury Lane, Hednesford**  
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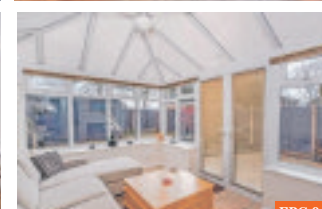



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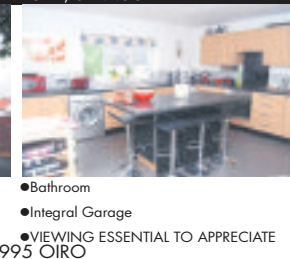
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NO CHAIN



- A Well Presented Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Detached Garage
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OIRO £175,000

## VIEW STREET, HEDNESFORD



- A Very Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House.
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/Store Room, Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Block Paved Driveway, Enclosed Rear Garden
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£145,000

## DAISY BANK, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN



- A Well Presented Semi Det House
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner



- Study/Playroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens

£149,950

## ABBAY STREET, HEDNESFORD



- A Well Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining room, Guest WC, Kitchen
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms, Spacious Family



- Bathroom
- Detached Garage, Off Road Parking
- Delightful Front and Rear Gardens
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£150,000

## HEATHER MEWS, HEDNESFORD

NEW



- Well Presented & Extended House
- Entrance Hallway
- Family Lounge-Diner
- Kitchen

- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Two Garages & Driveway
- Attractive Gardens

£189,950

## CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES



- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms



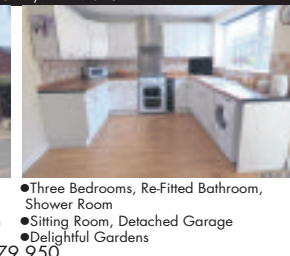
- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

## LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD



- A Unique Detached Bungalow with Potential Annex
- Reception Hall, Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory, Dining Room



- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Shower Room
- Sitting Room, Detached Garage
- Delightful Gardens

£279,950



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Uxbridge Street Hednesford

£109,995

- Period Two Bedroom Terraced House
- Lounge & Sitting Room
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Courtyard Garden
- Close To Amenities • EPC = D



Stagborough Way Hednesford

£179,995

- Well Presented Semi Detached Bungalow
- Front Sitting Room & Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Refitted Wet Room
- Conservatory & No Chain • EPC = D



Herondale Hednesford

£55,000

- Auction T&Cs Apply
- One Bedroom
- First Floor Flat
- Vacant Possession
- Ideal First Time Purchase • EPC = F



Bryans Lane Rugeley

£90,000

- One Bedroom Flat
- Ground Floor
- Refitted Bathroom
- Popular Location
- Close to Amenities • EPC = E



Hindley View Rugeley

£110,000

- Attention First Time Buyers and Commuters
- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge Diner
- Loft Storage Space
- Allocated Parking Space • EPC = B



Lime Road Huntingdon

£129,995

- Semi Detached House
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- Downstairs Guest WC & Upstairs Wet Room
- Three Bedrooms
- No Chain • EPC = TBC



Forge Close Churchbridge

£112,950

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Living
- Two Bedrooms
- En-suite Shower Room
- Allocated Parking Space • EPC = D



Balmoral Drive Cannock

£180,000

- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden & Garage
- Cul-de-Sac Location • EPC = D



Eastgate Street Burntwood

£90,000

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Traditional Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Lounge Diner
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Detached Rear Garden & Rear Garage • EPC = D



St. Johns Road Cannock

£100,000

- Superbly Sized Apartment
- One Double Bedroom & Allocated Parking
- Refitted White Bathroom
- Lounge Diner and Kitchen
- Central Location to Cannock Town Centre • EPC = C



Littleworth Road Hednesford

£125,000

- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- No Chain
- Two Bedrooms
- Stylish Upstairs Bathroom with Separate Shower Cub
- Rear Parking and Detached Rear Garden • EPC = D



Wolverhampton Road Cannock

£130,000

- Attention First Time Buyers & Investors
- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden • EPC = E



Maycroft Close Hednesford

£137,950

- Well Presented End Terrace House
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- Cul De Sac Location • EPC = TBC



Fair Lady Drive Burntwood

£325,000

- Stunning Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Garage
- Corner Plot • EPC = D



Moreton Street Cannock

£127,500

- Auction T & C's Apply
- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Garden to Rear
- Garage & Driveway • EPC = C



Cemetery Road Cannock

£109,950

- Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Galley Kitchen & Downstairs Bathroom
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Ideal First Time Purchase • EPC = E



Lowland Road Cannock

£128,000

- Renovated Throughout
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Dual Aspect Lounge
- Enclosed Rear Garden with Storage
- Driveway • EPC = F



Elder Close Heath Hayes

£190,000

- Well Presented Detached House
- Pleasant Cul De Sac Location
- Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Sought After Locality • EPC = D



The Brambles Norton Canes

£170,000

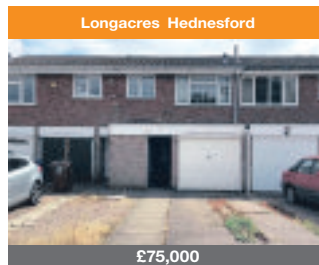
- Superbly Presented Semi Detached House
- Fitted Kitchen & Rear Lounge
- Downstairs Guest Wo & Upstairs Refitted Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway • EPC = E



Bradbury Court Hednesford

£280,000

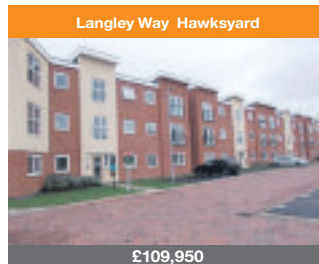
- Immaculately Presented Double Fronted Detached
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Superb Bathroom and En suite Shower Room
- Stylish Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory • EPC = D



Longacres Hednesford

£75,000

- First Floor Maisonette
- One Double Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen & Stylish Bathroom
- Driveway & Garage
- No Chain • EPC = D



Langley Way Hawksyard

£109,950

- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- Modern Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge / Kitchen, Two Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Central Heating
- Allocated Parking • EPC = C



Coalmeadow Close Walsall

£129,950

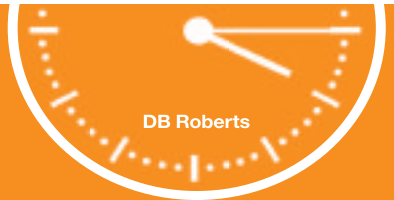
- OFFERED WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen, Lounge with Dining Area
- Conservatory
- Enclosed Garden to Rear & Off Road Parking • EPC = C



Eden Close Heath Hayes

£195,000

- Link Detached Family Home
- Pleasant Cul De Sac Location
- Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Sought After Locality • EPC = D



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- Three bedrooms
- Large garden
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- Spacious rooms
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**Broadmeadow Lane, Great Wyrley,**

- Three bedrooms
- Large garden
- Corner plot
- Large conservatory
- Popular location
- Well presented throughout

£199,995



**Fern Drive, Great Wyrley,**

- Detached home
- Large conservatory
- Five bedrooms
- Garage
- Utility room
- Downstairs WC

£330,000



**Greenwood Park, Hednesford,**

- Views over Cannock Chase
- Conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Popular residential area
- Well presented
- Low maintenance rear garden

£155,000



**Railway View, Cannock,**

- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking
- No upward chain
- Modern building
- Good investment or first time buy
- A real must see

£105,000



**Huntington Terrace Road, Can-**

- Three bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Large enclosed rear garden
- Well presented
- Generous room sizes
- A must see

£140,000



**Hednesford Road, Cannock,**

- Terrace property
- Ideal first time buy or investment
- Two bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Enclosed rear garden
- Popular residential area

£110,000



**Sweetbriar Way, Cannock,**

- Popular location
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Garage
- Allocated parking
- A must see

£165,000



**Kinross Avenue, Hednesford,**

- Bungalow
- Immaculately presented
- Three bedrooms
- Large driveway
- Low maintenance rear garden
- A real must see

£225,000



**Apple Walk, Cannock,**

- Large layout
- Secluded set of apartment blocks
- Allocated parking
- Ideal investment or first time purchase
- No upward chain
- A must see

£80,000



**Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock,**

- Four bedrooms
- Immensely popular location
- Three bathrooms
- Close to local amenities and schools
- Good transport links
- Large garden

£265,000



**School Lane, Shreshill,**

- Three bedrooms
- Bungalow
- Stunning presentation throughout
- En suites to all bedrooms
- Garage
- Sought after village location

£350,000



**Capercaillie Drive, Cannock,**

- Two double bedrooms
- En suite to master
- Spacious layout
- Allocated parking
- Popular location
- A must see

£115,000



**Wolverhampton Road, Cannock,**

- Three bedrooms
- Unique rear garden
- Well presented
- Close to local shops and amenities
- Within walking distance of town centre

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- Three bedrooms
- Cul de sac location
- Family home
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Newly laid garden
- Partially furnished

£625 pcm



**Uxbridge Street, Hednesford,**

- Two bedrooms
- Close to shops
- Ground floor
- Allocated parking
- Communal gardens
- Close to local amenities

£450 pcm



**Hampton Street, Cannock,**

- Three bedrooms
- Utility with guest WC
- Semi detached
- Modern kitchen
- Front and rear garden
- Off road parking

£595 pcm



**Heath Street, Hednesford,**

- Two bedrooms
- Rear garden
- Popular location
- Newly fitted bathroom
- Reasonably sized living space
- A must see

£450 pcm



**Moore Street, Hednesford,**

- Three bedrooms
- Large garden
- Semi detached
- Garage
- Well presented
- Popular residential area

£650 pcm



**Heath Street, Cannock,**

- Three bedrooms
- Deceptively spacious
- Garage
- Dining room and breakfast kitchen
- Popular location
- Garden to rear

£575 pcm



**Forge Terrace, Churchbridge,**

- Three bedrooms
- Town house
- Three floors
- Sought after location
- Kitchen
- Close to local amenities and schools

£700 pcm



**Hunter Road, Cannock,**

- Semi detached
- Plentiful living space
- Three bedrooms
- Brick built shed to rear
- Family home
- Popular location

£750 pcm



**Victoria Street, Cannock,**

- Spacious one bedroom flat
- Off road parking
- Fitted kitchen
- Fitted bathroom
- Popular area
- Close to local amenities

£425 pcm



**Wootons Court, Cannock,**

- One bedroom
- Lounge
- Communal hallway
- Kitchen
- Fitted bathroom
- Allocated parking

£400 pcm



**Cannock Road, Cannock,**

- Maisonette
- Three bedrooms
- Above local amenities
- Close to local transport links
- Ready to move in
- Communal off road parking

£500 pcm



**Peregrine Way, Heath Hayes,**

- Two bedrooms
- Modern
- Terrace property
- Close to local amenities
- Ideal starter home
- Shops close by

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- Double Glazing
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- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Parking to Rear

£120,000



**Seabrook Road, Brereton**

A Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Shower Room
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Driveway

£215,000



**Flaxley Road, Rugeley**

A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Lounges
- Utility & Kitchen
- Family Bathroom & Ground Floor W.C
- Enclosed Front & Rear Gardens

£109,950



**Yew Tree Cottage**

A Four Bedroom Split Level Detached House

- Living Room, Dining Room
- Kitchen & Family Bathroom
- Bar, Utility & Downstairs WC
- Conservatory & Detached Double Garage
- 0.75 Acres of land

£385,000



**Glovers Hill Court, Brereton**

A 1 Bedroom 1st Floor Coach House Apartment

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Private Ground Floor Entrance Hall
- Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- Master Bedroom & Bathroom
- Undercover Parking for 2 Vehicles

Offer Over £90,000



**Delafield Way Rugeley**

A Refurbished Three Bedroom Link Detached Property

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazed
- Off Road Parking
- Attractive Gardens
- Must Be Viewed To Appreciate

Offers in the region of £200,000



**Burnthill Lane Rugeley**

A Four Bedroom Executive Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Integral Garage

Offers over £238,000



**The Shrubbery, Rugeley**

A 2/3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Family Lounge
- Dining Room/Bedroom 3
- Family Bathroom
- Single Car Garage

£259,950



**Wolseley Road, Rugeley**

A 4 Bedroom Extended Detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Ground Floor WC
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite • 3 other Bedrooms
- Front Garden & Enclosed Rear Garden
- Attached Garage & On-Drive Parking

£290,000



**Joseph Dix Drive, Rugeley**

A Three Bedroom Semi-detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Kitchen & Family Bathroom
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Garage and Parking
- Front Garden & Enclosed Rear Garden

£595 PCM



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**Priory Avenue, Rugeley**

A Three Bedroom Detached Property

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Ground Floor WC
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Drive way & Garage
- Gardens Front & Rear

£775 PCM



**Chichester Close, Rugeley**

A Three Bedroom House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Ground Floor WC
- Gardens Front & Rear
- 2 Parking Spaces

£625 PCM



**The Whitehouse, Church Street, Rugeley**

A Two Bedroom Character Cottage

- Newly Renovated
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
- Enclosed Courtyard
- Parking for 1 Vehicle

£850 PCM



**Hedgesford Road - Commercial Property**

A Ground Floor Retail Unit

- Main Road Frontage
- Total retail floor area 33.5sqm
- Kitchenette
- Toilet
- Subsidiary area to rear

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communal entrance hall, stairs and a landing, communal lounge, communal laundry, double glazing, Economy 7 electric heating, a lounge, kitchen, double bedroom, a re-fitted shower room, a warden security phone system. In more detail, as well as a communal hall, stairs and landing, there is a lift.

The entrance hall has an access door and a side window, an electric storage heater, an airing cupboard having a copper cylinder with an immersion heater and a built-in storage cupboard with a courtesy light. The lounge has a hardwood double glazed window, an electric storage heater, a feature fire surround having an electric fire, a television aerial point, telephone point and coved ceiling.

**Contact Boot & Son on 01543 505454.**



### Detached bungalow has been refurbished throughout and has gardens to three sides

Being fully refurbished throughout, 2 St Johns Close, Slitting Mill, is an exceptional three bedroomed detached bungalow in a sought after village.

On a large corner plot with gardens to three sides, it is for sale through JR Distinctive Homes at £425,000.

It has an entrance hallway, kitchen/diner, lounge, laundry, three bedrooms, one en-suite and a family bathroom.

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In more detail a modern front door opens to the entrance hallway which has solid oak wooden flooring.

Doors lead to the lounge, kitchen/diner, laundry, storage cupboards, a family bathroom and bedrooms. The large dining area has space for a full dining table and chairs.


The lounge is spacious and well presented, having a focal wood burner with granite surround and an oak beam fireplace, solid wooden flooring, a large double glazed UPVC bay window to the front and an additional window to the side.

The laundry has space for a washing machine and a tumble dryer. The master bedroom is one of three double bedrooms.

**Contact JR Distinctive Homes on 01889 577731.**

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Immaculately presented executive four bedroom detached house / Exclusive sought after cul-de-sac location / Spacious reception rooms & bedrooms / Victorian style conservatory / Garage and drive

**£375,000**

**Rugeley Road**  
**HAZEL SLADE**



Stunning four bedroom detached new build family home / Sought after rural location of Hazel Slade and backs directly onto Cannock Chase / Substantial rear garden / Off Road parking / High spec dining

**£375,000**


**98 East Cannock Road**  
**HEDNESFORD**



Bespoke luxury four bedroom detached house / Finished to high specification / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Breakfast kitchen / Double garage / Four bedrooms all with en-suites

**Offers in Excess of £350,000**

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**BRERETON**



Stunning four bedroom detached house / High spec contemporary finish / Private driveway & double garage / Stunning open pan kitchen & large conservatory

**Offers in Excess of £350,000**

**Watermint Close**  
**WIMBLEBURY**



Well presented five bedroom detached family home / Set in sought after area / Substantial two storey side extension / Contemporary open plan layout / Rear conservatory / Superb high spec fitted

**£315,000**

**Kingfisher Drive**  
**HEDNESFORD**



Immaculately presented three bedroom detached bungalow / Set on large secluded plot / Large private driveway for up to four vehicles / Substantial landscaped rear & side gardens / Spacious living &

**£300,000**

**Shugborough Way**  
**HEATH HAYES**



Superbly maintained & well presented four bedroom detached family home / Substantial amount of work carried out by current vendors / Additional conservatory / Rear garage conversion / Further sitting

**£280,000**

**Deavall Way**  
**HEATH HAYES**



Five bedroom detached family home / Superb dormer style extension / Second floor master bedroom with en-suite / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Driveway with parking for up to three vehicles / Good

**£280,000**

**Stafford Lane**  
**HEDNESFORD**



Immaculately presented three bedroom detached house / Substantially improved property / Spacious lounge / Good sized bedrooms / Garage and driveway

**£270,000**

**Woodfield Drive**  
**NORTON CANES**



Well presented three bedroom detached bungalow / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Driveway for up to three vehicles / Landscaped low maintenance rear garden / Modern fitted kitchen / Part converted attic

**£250,000**

**Dorchester Road**  
**CANNOCK**



Three bedroom detached family home / Sits on large corner plot / Two car driveway & garage / Large private rear garden / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation

**Offers in the Region Of £240,000**

**Sandford Close**  
**RUGELEY**



Well presented three bedroom detached home / Tastefully decorated & finished to excellent standard throughout / Superb open plan re-fitted dining kitchen / Rear conservatory

**£235,000**

**Corsican Drive**  
**HEDNESFORD**



Well presented four bedroom detached house / Set on sought after residential estate

**Offers in Excess of £235,000**

**Pine Close**  
**GREAT WYRLEY**



Deceptively spacious two bedroom detached bungalow / Immaculately presented throughout with tasteful decoration / Modern fitted open plan kitchen-diner / Driveway with parking for up

**£230,000**

**Devonshire Drive**  
**RUGELEY**



Refurbished three bedroom semi detached bungalow / Spacious open plan living area / Three double bedrooms / Modern fitted bathroom with skylight / Parking & garage to the rear

**Offers in the Region Of £220,000**

**Edwards Croft**  
**CANNOCK**



Superbly presented two bedroom detached bungalow / Situated down quiet cul-de-sac / Occupying desirable end corner plot / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen

**Offers in the Region Of £180,000**

**Holt Crescent**  
**HEATH HAYES**



Three bedroom semi detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Refurbished property / Quiet end plot / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Integral garage and driveway

**Offers in Excess of £170,000**


**Pheasant Way**  
**HEATH HAYES**



Well presented three bedroom end of terrace house / NO CHAIN / Parking to the rear plus a separate garage / Good sized lounge / Private rear garden / En-suite to the master

**£170,000**

**Rumer Hill Road**  
**CANNOCK**



Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Built in popular 1930s style / Property retains plenty of character & charm throughout / Two spacious reception rooms / Kitchen & useful pantry

**£165,000**

**Chapel Street**  
**NORTON CANES**



Modern finished two bedroom semi detached house / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Off road parking on private driveway for three vehicles / Landscaped private rear garden / Modern fitted

**£155,000**

**Stevens Drive**  
**HEDNESFORD**



Two bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Driveway with off road parking / New carpets in the lounge, stairs and landing / New bathroom

**£140,000**

**Grove Close**  
**CANNOCK**



Two bedroom semi detached house / End of a quiet sought after cul-de-sac / Good sized lounge / Modern fitted open plan kitchen-diner / Modern fitted shower room / Good sized rear garden / Parking for

**£140,000**

**Brooklyn Road**  
**HEATH HAYES**



Two bedroom end terraced house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Modern re-fitted kitchen and bathroom / Good sized low maintenance private rear garden / Off road residents parking

**Offers in Excess of £140,000**


**Foster Avenue**  
**HEDNESFORD**



Traditional three bedroom semi detached house / Good sized private rear garden / Spacious lounge and open plan kitchen-diner / Driveway with parking for two vehicles

**Offers in Excess of £140,000**

**Chequers Court**  
**NORTON CANES**



Well presented and deceptively spacious two bedroom property / Close to local shops and amenities / Close to local shops and amenities / Driveway with parking for two vehicles / Private rear garden

**Offers in Excess of £130,000**

**Stafford Street**  
**HEATH HAYES**



NO ONWARD CHAIN / Immaculately presented two bedroom terraced house / Tastefully brought up to modern standard whilst maintaining plenty of original charm

**Offers in Excess of £130,000**

**St Pauls Road**  
**CANNOCK**



Well presented two bedroom semi-detached house / Good sized corner plot / Kitchen-diner / Driveway for several vehicles / Private rear garden

**£130,000**

**Bradbury Lane**  
**HEDNESFORD**



Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Perfect for first time buyers or investors / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Two car driveway with double gated access to rear garden / Good sized living

**£130,000**

**Grasmere Place**  
**CANNOCK**



One bedroom bungalow / Well established residential area / Driveway and private rear garden / Quiet location near to Cannock Chase

**£120,000**

**Gorsemoor Road**  
**HEATH HAYES**



Two bedroom traditional semi detached house / Good sized plot with a large charming rear garden / Driveway with ample off road parking / Sought after location / Spacious reception rooms and bedrooms

**£120,000**



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In more detail, the entrance hall

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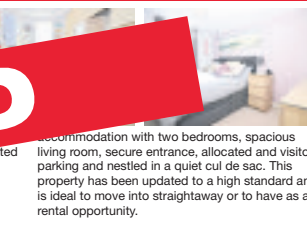
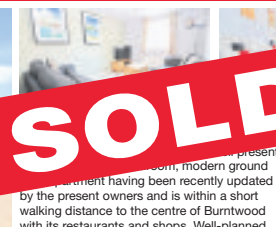
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# Modern classic joins the Triumph pack

By John Griffiths

**Midlands-based Triumph is well-placed in the growing market for adventure and touring type machines.**

Its ambush or streak of Tigers (pick your preferred collective noun) is not one bike but comes in many different varieties which appeal to a range of customers. Similarly it has impressive entries in both the middleweight and full sports categories.

But if there's one area that Triumph has made its own, it's the modern classic. It isn't as much a contradiction in terms as it at first sounds – these are retro-styled machines packed with a raft of rider-friendly features and the latest technology.

The latest to join the pack is the Bonneville Speedmaster – another but very different incarnation of a machine to bear one of the most iconic names in motorcycling over the past 60 years.

It's a logical development of the stripped down, minimalist Bobber which harks back to a style of bike from the 1930s and 40s, a genre born of enthusiasts' desires to remove all excess weight to increase performance.

Mechanically, and in terms of equipment, the 2018 Speedmaster is virtually identical to the Bobber (and indeed the T120 Bonneville) but for those who want more touring capability and cruiser styling.

Hence the £11,650 machine comes with a pillion seat (unlike the Bobber), chromed luggage bars and feet forward pegs, gear and brake pedal.

The power plant is Triumph's now familiar 1,200cc twin in the same state of tune as the Bobber: 77bhp and 106Nm of torque.

That's some 25 per cent more power and 42 per cent more torque than the old, 865cc Speedmaster.

The Speedmaster comes with a low (705mm) and generously proportioned, well-shaped seat. That's good news for riders who are not too long in the leg, at a time when bikes seem to be getting ever taller (or I'm getting shorter).

While the foot controls are set forward – not something I generally favour – and I'm aware it doesn't suit everyone – the riding position isn't 'easy rider' extreme and they're well placed for that shapely seat. Wide handlebars help to make you feel even more secure and in control.

## Stable

It means the short of ground clearance, which doesn't encourage trackday cornering, but the low set mass of the engine – and therefore low centre of gravity – makes the Speedmaster highly stable. It also feels lighter than it appears, whether you're tackling winding roads or simply walking it back out of a parking space.

Cruising in traffic the big twin turns over relatively slowly (peak torque is a low, in bike terms, 4,000rpm) that you imagine you can hear each individual ignition stroke. But open the throttle a little more for some rapid acceleration such as a quick overtake and you're instantly rewarded with a sonorous growl reminiscent of big British bikes of yesteryear.

The almost lazy power of the engine makes riding the Speedmaster very relaxed, and its low-revving nature helps fuel economy too – more than 60mpg is a real possibility.

**The Speedmaster looks every inch the classic cruiser, right down to the typically Triumph two-tone tank and the twin chromed exhausts**

The Speedmaster looks every inch the classic cruiser, right down to the typically Triumph two-tone tank and the twin chromed exhausts, which cunningly concealed a catalyst for reducing harmful emissions.

Like all Bonneville it appears to have twin carbs but in fact they're dummies, concealing the thoroughly modern fuel injection system controlled by a 'fly by wire' electronic throttle.

As well as virtues such as easier starting, smoother running and better fuel economy,

this has enabled Triumph to fit rider-friendly electronics such as rain and road riding modes, cruise control, ABS and switchable traction control.

The big single headlight looks, from a distance, a classical feature but in fact it's a modern LED unit.

The brakes are upmarket, too, with twin Brembos at the front and the monoshock rear suspension is multi-adjustable – even though the swing cage makes it look like a 'hard tail'

bike our fathers and grandfathers would have shaken themselves to bits on.

This ability to make bikes which look every inch a classic but with powerful engines, brakes and sophisticated electronic safety systems is serving Triumph well – the Bobber became one of its biggest sellers last year.

The Bobber's new sibling offers much of the same but with more appeal to the cruiser and touring rider.



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Ford's stylish S-MAX sports activity vehicle

# S-MAX and Galaxy get new technologies and powertrains

By Sharon Walters

**Ford has enhanced the stylish S-MAX sports activity vehicle and spacious Galaxy people mover to deliver even greater fuel efficiency, performance and refinement for customers.**

The Ford S-MAX and Galaxy are now offered for the first time with Ford's sophisticated 2.0-litre EcoBlue diesel engine featuring power outputs from 120PS to 240PS; and with an advanced new eight-speed automatic transmission controlled using a stylish and ergonomic Rotary Gear Shift Dial.

By the end of the year, both Ford S-MAX and Galaxy ranges will add 1.5 EcoBoost 165PS petrol engines to their powertrain line-ups.

The improved technology offering includes Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) with Stop & Go functionality when combined with the eight-speed automatic, for effortlessly negotiating stop-start traffic; an enhanced version of Ford's Blind Spot Information System (BLIS) that can detect approaching vehicles at greater distance; and a new Ford ClearView Wiper System for improved visibility.

Both models offer sophisticated technologies including Ford's Adaptive Front Lighting System that



**There's even more technology in the Galaxy**

adjusts the headlight beam angle to match the driving environment, and can prevent dazzling other drivers with the Glare-Free Highbeam function; and Active Park Assist with Perpendicular Parking for hands-free parking manoeuvres.

Ford's SYNC 3 communications and entertainment system allows S-MAX and Galaxy drivers to control audio, navigation and climate functions plus connected smartphones using simple voice commands. Supported by an 8-inch colour touchscreen that can be operated using pinch and swipe gestures, SYNC 3 is compatible with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto™.

Available for the Ford S-MAX and Galaxy with 120PS, 150PS and 190PS power outputs – and with 240PS in bi-turbo form – the 2.0-litre EcoBlue diesel engine delivers the power, torque and driving performance of a larger capacity engine alongside the fuel efficiency and low CO2 emissions synonymous with a smaller engine capacity.

Ford's new eight-speed automatic transmission has been engineered to further optimise fuel efficiency and deliver responsive performance and smooth, swift gearshifts. A six-speed manual transmission is also offered for S-MAX and Galaxy models, and both vehicles can be equipped with Ford's Intelligent All Wheel Drive technology.

Ford S-MAX and Galaxy comfort and convenience has been enhanced for driver and passengers, with a number of updates to the vehicles' advanced technologies and features. The eight-speed automatic transmission enables ACC, which helps the S-MAX and Galaxy maintain a comfortable driving distance from vehicles ahead, to be enhanced with Stop & Go, which brings the vehicle to a complete halt in stop-start traffic, and automatically pulls away if the stopping duration is less than three seconds.

Both models' BLIS technology is now able to warn sooner of vehicles approaching the driver's blind spot at higher closing speeds. In addition, the new Ford ClearView Front Wiper System helps drivers clear a dirty windscreen more effectively.

For drivers of right-hand drive models, the electric parking brake switch in both models is relocated to the driver's side of the centre console. Drivers can also view vehicle information more clearly with a 4-inch, LCD, colour instrument cluster display as standard. Sophisticated Active Noise Cancellation technology is now standard for S-MAX Vignale models, in addition to S-MAX and Galaxy models equipped with the 240PS engine.

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# Kia bolsters performance line-up with racy additions

By Sharon Walters

Kia has added two sporty new models to its Ceed range, as part of a push to cement it as a dynamic choice in the family hatchback market.

The first addition to the range is the new Proceed, a shooting brake-style estate which splits the difference between the existing Sportswagon and a coupe.

The Proceed moniker was originally used on three-door versions of the previous Ceed, but now will apply only to this shooting brake model.

The Proceed takes its front fascia from the hatch but it's totally different from there on back, with a sleeky body and sloping roofline. It's 5mm longer than the Sportswagon estate, but an impressive 43mm lower – with some of that coming from a 5mm drop in ride height for a sportier stance.

The rear of the car sees a full-width LED light bar and angular exhaust trim.

Available exclusively in racy GT-Line and GT trim, the Proceed will be offered with a choice of three petrol engines and a single diesel, with six-speed manual or seven-speed dual-clutch automatic gearboxes.

The interior is unchanged, and Kia says it's slightly lowered the rear bench to compensate for the lack of headroom from that sloping roofline. There's also a large chrome bar on the C-pillar.



The Ceed GT is a replacement for the old model

Adding to Kia's range is another new model – the Ceed GT. This is a straight replacement for the old model and should rival the likes of the Peugeot 308 GT and Skoda Octavia vRS.

With 201bhp from its 1.6-litre turbocharged petrol engine, the Ceed GT sits in between standard family hatchbacks and full-on hot hatches such as the Hyundai i30 N.

It's not just an engine upgrade, though, as the Ceed GT also gains suspension tweaks, a lower ride height and sportier styling.

The 'ice cube' daytime running lights are carried over from the last model, while a honeycomb grille, glossy diffuser and small roof spoiler give it a dynamic look. Performance data is set to be released at a later date.

Both the Proceed and the Ceed GT will go on sale in the UK early next year.



The interior of the five-door GT



The new Proceed, a shooting brake-style estate

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## MOTURING

# Nissan Juke gets upgrade

By Sharon Walters

**Nissan's pioneering Juke compact crossover is now on sale with a suite of new features and design upgrades.**

Following its debut at this year's Geneva Motor Show, the Juke benefits from design enhancements to both the exterior and interior. New technology includes the award-winning BOSE Personal sound system.

The improvements create a contemporary new look for the Juke's front end. They include a striking new dark chrome V-motion grille, dark headlamp interior and dark turn indicators on the door mirrors. LED fog lamps are now standard from Acenta grade.

To new 16-inch alloy wheel designs have been added to the Juke range, on Acenta grade and Bose Personal Edition grade. For customers looking to add a dash of design flair to their car, optional 18" alloy wheels on Tekna grade can be personalised with coloured inserts - including two new colours.

Coloured body parts, including front and rear bumper finishers, doors side sills and wing mirror caps, are available through the personalisation program. This is standard on Bose Personal Edition grade and an optional extra on Tekna grade.

Two vibrant new body colours -



The improved interior

Vivid Blue and Chestnut Bronze - further extend customer choice on Juke.

Boosting the appeal of the Nissan Juke with music fans is BOSE Personal audio. This award-winning automotive sound system delivers an immersive 360° listening experience through BOSE digital signal processing and six high-performance speakers.

These include the two pioneering BOSE UltraNearfield™ speakers built into the driver's seat head rest. The system is unique to Nissan and is standard from Bose Personal Edition grade.

Improvements to the interior include the choice of two new personalisation colours - Energy Orange and Power Blue. These further enhance the design of the central console, air vents, door inserts and seat upholstery. Gloss



**Improvements create a contemporary new look for the Juke's front end including a striking new grille**

black interior personalisation remains available. Interior personalisation is standard on Bose Personal Edition and Tekna grades.

There is also a higher grade of leather on the steering wheel, plus improved visual clarity on the combimeter thanks to a new white-on-black information display.

The Nissan Juke is the original B-segment crossover and available in four grades - Visia,

Acenta, Bose Personal Edition and Tekna.

Every Nissan Juke comes with air-conditioning, electrically adjusting door mirrors, front and rear power windows, CD audio unit with aux port and LED daytime running lights as standard.

Acenta grade adds the Nissan Dynamic Control System, front LED fog lamps, cruise control with speed limiter, automatic air-conditioning, privacy glass, USB port and Bluetooth connectivity.

From Bose Personal Edition grade, the Juke comes with the NissanConnect infotainment system, Bose Personal sounds system, rear parking camera, Intelligent Key with push-button start, electrically folding door mirrors, part-leather seats and automatic headlights.

Flagship Tekna grade adds Lane Departure Warning, Blind Spot Warning, Intelligent Around View Monitor and full leather heated front seats.

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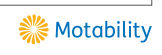
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# Superb Sportline ticks all the boxes

By Mal Hay

Britain's roads can be a real nightmare in the summer...an endless stream of roadworks, tractors, horses, caravanners and packs of middle aged men in cycling Lycra.

But during the glorious summer, with the sun blazing and the Skoda Superb Sportline at my disposal, I've rediscovered the joys of our nation's winding b-roads and narrow lanes.

Rather than dreading the sight of the aforementioned irritants, I've been seeking them out and gobbling them up like Pac Man after Pac Dots.

Every brightly coloured cyclist means another opportunity to enjoy this wonderful car – the power and responsiveness of its engine, the swiftness of its gear changes and the accuracy of its steering – again.

No more must I suffer as I sit there doing less than 20 and unable to get past. Instead, a quick flick of the gear lever and the DSG box pops me straight into manual mode and the flappy paddle gearshifts on the steering wheel are at my disposal.

Drop a couple of gears and the Superb's frankly, well Superb, 2.0-litre TSI engine roars like a lion that's been kicked in the privates.

Now, the slightest gap in oncoming traffic is all it takes to blast past, with a simple press of the accelerator delivering rocket-like power instantly. In the blink of an eye you're past the hold-up and can begin seeking out your next overtaking challenge.

It's great when not overtaking too. In those rare moments when a twisting country road opens up in front of you, it's a joy to switch away from the effortless automatic



There's a really handy 13v socket in the boot



The cabin is exceptionally well put together

transmission to manual gear changes and engage sports mode for a stiffer ride and more urgency. Even at speed, there's next to no body roll and the car feels totally planted in corners giving you the confidence to use even more of its power.

This car is everything you want a sports variant to be and offers that most magical ingredient of all...fun.

So many cars like this boast a bigger

engine, a fancy body kit and smug 'sports inspired' badge but fail to deliver. In reality they're limp, un-dynamic and bitterly disappointing. The Skoda Superb Sportline is the exact opposite. It's exceptionally exciting to drive, and rewards you in a way few other cars of its type can.

But despite its wicked streak, the model can be exceptionally tame too. Drive it sensibly around town and it's as comfortable



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and practical as any other variant in the Superb line-up while on long trips it's refined and economical. And unlike other sports models, no materials have been scrimped on to save weight. The attractive cabin feels robust, exceptionally well put together and all materials have a quality, premium feel.

Our model – KU18 ZNH – in stunning Quartz Grey metallic, is also fitted with a number of optional extras that have made summer

driving even cooler, including an electric sunroof and refrigerated glove box. There's also a really handy 13v socket in the boot, useful for powering accessories and pumping up airbeds on summer camping trips.

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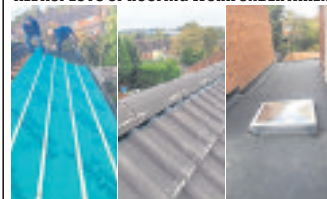
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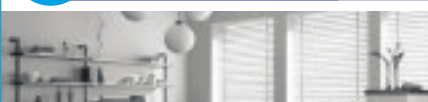
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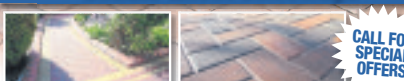
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## Young golfer misses school to land trophy

A 12-year-old golfer who hit her first ball as a three-year-old is preparing for a round of a lifetime after beat thousands of amateur golfers across England to win the Bridgestone Chase Your Dream Trophy.

Isabelle Badger, of Halesowen Golf Club, won the final of the competition, run by England Golf, at the pro-am of the Bridgestone Challenge at Luton Hoo, following a number of qualification stages.

She joined Spencer Burlingham from Essex and Martin Derrick from Sussex in the triumphant team, and they now go on to play in the pro-am of the Sky Sports British Masters at Walton Heath on October 10.

The youngster was meant to be back in the classroom at Pedmore High School, Stourbridge, for the first day of the new term, but was given special dispensation to play in the final of the Chase Your Dream Trophy – and now has a trophy to take back to the next school assembly.

The 13 handicapper, said: "It feels amazing! My own dream is to become a professional golfer one day."

## 'Missile' rides in as guest of Cycle Show

FORMER world champion Mark Cavendish MBE will be a guest at this year's Cycle Show at the NEC in Birmingham. The UK's national cycling showcase takes place from September 28 to 30.

The Manx Missile, who has 146 professional victories to his name including 48 Grand Tour wins and the 2011 World Championships, will appear alongside a star-studded list of riders.

The public will have a chance to quiz Cavendish in a Q&A on the final day. He will also share tales of his journey from riding BMX as a child to being at the top of his sport. He will sign autographs and pose for photos in the VIP Lounge.

Visitors can try and buy the latest 2019 products from the leading brands. There will be two children's tracks, while the Extreme Bike Battle will provide a chance to see stunts from across the BMX and MTB world – with the UK's number one BMX ranked rider Lee Musselwhite on hand to demonstrate. For tickets, visit [cycleshow.co.uk](http://cycleshow.co.uk)

## Robinson the star as Brewwood clinch T20

BEN Robinson starred with both bat and ball as Brewwood were crowned Staffs Clubs T20 Knockout champions. He blasted 42 from 38 balls to rescue his team after they had been reduced to 38-6 batting first.

Brewwood's total of 136-8 from their 20 overs eventually proved sufficient thanks chiefly to Robinson, who finished with figures of 5-21 from his four overs.

Despite skipper Sajid Nazir hitting 28 from 24 balls to open Whittington's reply, their innings eventually petered out to finish 111-9, some 25 runs short.

James Evans had earlier taken 3-21 as Whittington assumed early control at Vicarage Road. But things then took a dramatic turn once Robinson had arrived at the crease.

Aldridge clinched the second XI title with a 10-wicket win over Wednesbury. Wednesbury were limited to 108-8. Imran Bashir then hit an unbeaten 71 from 40 balls as Aldridge chased down the target in 11.4 overs.



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Instructor Marcin Kruczynski with his daughter Kornelia

# Hidden gem provides an oar-some activity

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By Joseph Masi

**IF you dream of relaxing strolls, connecting with nature or simply finding a new hobby to keep you active, the answer could be hiding right before your eyes.**

Wolverhampton Canoe Club, in Oxley Moor Road, may have been founded back in 1956, but it remains one of the city's hidden gems.

With direct access to the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal, the friendly group welcomes people who want to take to the water for a whole host of reasons.

Whether you fancy taking a gentle paddle to relax and connect with nature, or you want to compete against others on courses designed to test – everyone is catered for.

The club is run by volunteers who are led by chairwoman Sharon Tarbuck, whose father was one of the club's founder members.

### Friendly

And she believes the organisation provides the perfect environment for anyone looking to take up a new hobby.

"Wolverhampton Canoe Club is a family friendly club that is open to absolutely everyone," Sharon said.

"The Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal is beautiful and it's so relaxing when you are out there having a casual paddle, there is no hustle or bustle.

"Canoeing can be very therapeutic. It allows you to connect with wildlife and also keeps you fit. But we also have members who want to progress and who compete in races and slaloms.

"Whatever you want to do you can do it, everything is at your own pace but we are an encompassing club and there will be plenty of people happy to help."

While some people may be anxious about stepping into a canoe and onto the water, she says it doesn't take long to pick up the skills you need.

"Some people pick it up very quickly, others take a while," she said. "But we can go through it in baby steps. We run five-week courses and the first session is as simple as learning to sit in the boat. We then introduce you to strokes and other basic things.

**"For a lot of members, canoeing is about getting out there and exploring at a nice pace of life. Everyone can progress at their own rate."**

"Our youngest member is seven-years-old, our oldest is 78-years-old and we recently had someone join us who is registered blind.

"For a lot of members, canoeing is about getting out there and exploring at a nice pace of life. Everyone can progress at their own rate."

Open for four sessions a week, the club has junior and adult teams that have tasted success in regional competitions.

Members also hold their own annual race between Ironbridge and Bridgnorth on the River Severn.

The overall aim of the club, though, is for people to relax and enjoy themselves.

"I'd definitely recommend people take up canoeing," she added.

"It's very enjoyable and Wolverhampton is a club that is run by volunteers and is family friendly with parents bringing down their children and having a great time on the water.

"It's very safe. We like people to go off in groups of three. And membership wise we are doing very well, we have new people wanting to get involved on a weekly basis.

"For safety, you can't join until you have done a course. But after that you can paddle away.

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## Troi confident about debut as pro boxer

TROI Coleman is confident he'll be able to play it like a pro when he arrives in the world of professional boxing.

The Hawk will fly into action with his debut as a pro pugilist over four rounds at Walsall Town Hall on Saturday on the undercard of Tyler Denny versus Reece Cartwright for the English Middleweight Title. Coleman becomes a part of the 160lb ranks himself when he next laces on the gloves, having hovered around light heavyweight in his former calling of kickboxing.

The 23-year-old competed at amateur level for the Platinum gym in his hometown of Burntwood, before becoming an unlicensed boxer. The only time he's ever tasted defeat in either discipline was against two fighters who are treading the same path as him.

Danny Azeez is now undefeated with five wins and three TKOs as a pro, while Kieran Leinster made his bow on September 8. Coleman feels he'll be a force to be reckoned with at middleweight, where he's likely to stand tall among his opponents.

"I was up at light heavy when I went against Azeez and that's too much for me," he said. "I've dropped it all off now and got to middleweight, so I'm a different animal now. I feel in the best shape I've ever been in."

Burntwood flyweight 'Pocket Rocket' Dani Hodges, fights on the undercard.

Tickets, £35 standard and £65 VIP ringside, are on sale from the Town Hall box office on 0845 111 2900. Entry on the door will be £40.

## Rugeley clinch bonus point victory despite their depleted team

**Bloxwich 17 Rugeley 44**  
RUGELEY were missing a number of key players for their second game of the season, but took a 27-0 half-time lead thanks to five tries, one converted.

Bloxwich came back into the game in the second half and they were rewarded with three tries and 17 points.

On the few occasions in the second half where Rugeley were able to wrestle the ball away from the Bloxwich pack, clinical finishes soon followed with an additional 17 points scored.

After the interval Rugeley slowed somewhat, letting their opponents back into the game slightly, with well worked forwards play from Bloxwich seeing them rewarded with three tries and 17 points in the second half.

The final whistle confirmed an impressive Rugeley win.

A second bonus point victory sees Rugeley hang on tightly to the top spot in the table at this early stage.

There is a break in league action this weekend for the National Cup with a first round challenge away at AEI Rugby in Warwickshire.

## On the ball for tennis tips from pair



Danny Sapsford

TWO Great Britain players will serve up tips at a Davis Cup-themed day in Cheslyn Hay this weekend.

Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club has organised the event at the village leisure centre, in Saredon Road.

Danny Sapsford, former Davis Cup player, and Jocelyn Rae, who was 2010 Commonwealth Games mixed doubles champion, will lead coaching sessions, open to non-mem-

bers, all ages and abilities. Sapsford, who competed in four majors, reaching the third round of Wimbledon in 1999 before losing to Pete Sampras, will then partner with another former Davis Cup player in an exhibition match against two of Cheslyn Hay's top players.

Chris Perrin, head coach at Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club, said: "It is so rare for local fans and players to be

able to get tips from players of Danny's and Jocelyn calibre."

Any proceeds made from the day will be invested into developing Tennis Facilities at Cheslyn Hay.

Coaching sessions are being booked on a first come, first served basis, online at cheslynhaytennis/gbtennisday. For additional information call Chris on 07969 829318 or via cheslynhaytennis@live.com



Jocelyn Rae

## Hawks finish 2nd but have wings clipped

C&R Hawks held on to second place in the Birmingham League division two, but will not be promoted after their ground failed a league audit earlier in the season.

Champions Harborne celebrated with a 42-run win over Pershore but Hawks' win meant frustration for Walmley, who defeated Fordhouses by two wickets, but had to hope Hawks lost to Wombourne. Saqib Akbar top scored with 67 in a Hawks total of 226. Wombourne responded with 184. Penkridge finished the season in fourth after they defeated seventh placed Sutton Coldfield by seven wickets at Rectory Park.

Milford Hall ended their season with a three-wicket win over Pelsall in division three. Lichfield lost by 10 runs to Old Elizabethans. OE's reached 255-7 with Andrew Lightbown taking 3-38 for the visitors who looked on course for victory as they reached 244-6 but then lost their last four wickets for one run.

Ben Robinson (74), James Lunn (55) and Dave Wedge (53) all contributed in Brewood's 279-9 against Cannock in the Staffs Clubs championship. Cannock replied 112 shy at 167 all out. Hammerwich totalled 290-7 and a 132-run win over Coseley, who replied with 158.

Jonathan Pearson scored 53 to help Rugeley to a five-wicket win, surpassing Springvale's 172-7. Whittington's 228 was beaten by Penn who ended 231-7. A 60 from Dylan Roberts carried Burntwood St Matthews to 190-9, enough to beat Wednesbury thirds who were 182-9.

## Lewis has a place in road championships

CANNOCK cycling ace Lewis Askey has had his place confirmed for the upcoming UCI World Road Championships in Austria, where he will be competing in the 132.4km junior race.

The 17-year-old Erasmus Darwin Academy pupil is now part of the Great Britain track and road endurance squad, riding for a sponsored team, Zanatta Ride Course XGear.

The journey in Innsbruck is mountainous, which suits Lewis as he has just returned from racing the UCI 1.1 La Philippe Gilbert junior road race in Belgium which was also hilly and he positioned second.

### Hednesford Town 2 Workington 0

## TWO second-half goals saw Hednesford Town pick up their first Northern Premier home victory of the season.

The opening exchanges were quiet but it was the visitors who had the first chance when striker Jason Walker fired wide.

The visitors saw a good chance come and go in the 38th minute when defender Daniel Wordsworth planted a free header over the bar.

Hednesford started the second half stronger and saw Dan Cockerline waste a good chance while Josh Craddock saw an effort blocked.

The Pitmen took the lead in the 54th minute when Cockerline fed Matt Dodd and the winger picked out Lewis Archer who slid the ball home from six yards. The hosts sealed the win in the 65th minute when they were awarded a penalty for handball which Jed Davies converted.

On Saturday the Pitmen travel to Rugby for the second qualifying round of the FA Cup.

**Droylsden 2 Chasetown 4**  
CHASETOWN bounced back to winning ways with an impressive away-day success. The Scholars made a dream start with a goal inside two minutes. Danny Cocks outpaced the right-back and his pass was chested home by George Cater.

Droylsden levelled in the 23rd minute when striker Sefton Gonzales fired past Curtis Pond.

The visitors regained the lead in the 43rd minute. Jimmy O'Neill's throw-in found its way to Jake Lovatt who headed home. Chasetown made it 3-1 when Cocks was sent tumbling and Jack Langston converted the penalty. Droylsden pulled one back through Brandon Ziibaka but the Scholars wrapped up the win when Will Whiel-don broke clear and slid the ball home.

Scholars host Market Drayton on Saturday.

**Saffron Dynamo 4 Heath Hayes 0**  
HEATH Hayes were well beaten by Leicester side Saffron Dynamo in the FA Vase, a lacklustre performance saw them go in at half-time 2-0 down after Michael Murray missed a penalty.

Chelmley Wood are the visitors to the Coppice Ground on Saturday.

## Thunderbirds are go for Beth



Commonwealth gold medal-winning netball star Beth Cobden on a visit to Five Ways

CANNOCK's Commonwealth gold medallist Beth Cobden has sealed a 'dream' move to Australian netball team Adelaide Thunderbirds.

The former Five Ways Primary School pupil, from Heath Hayes, has joined the Suncorp Super Netball outfit after playing a big part in England's success at the Gold Coast Games earlier this year.

"Playing in the SSN has been a dream of mine and I am so excited to become a Thunderbird," said wing defence Cobden, who joins them for the 2019 season from Loughborough

Lightning. "I am ready for the challenge and cannot wait to get out on the court."

Cobden is currently recovering from a severe knee injury suffered as Loughborough Lightning lost to Wasps in the Superleague final, in July. Thunderbirds head coach Tania Obst, who is also England's assistant coach, is sure the 25-year-old will return to the peak of her powers - having already undergone successful surgery.

Cobden's spirits have been given a boost while rehabilitating, as pupils of her old school penned a goodwill letter.

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# The Hart School

## **“A compelling vision to provide excellent education in the heart of the community” – Ofsted 2018**

The Hart School in Rugeley has several reasons to celebrate in 2018 – because it’s had a great year. The school, which is part of Creative Education Trust, has not only been rated Good by Ofsted but it’s also recorded year-on-year successes since becoming part of Creative Education Trust five years ago.

Headed up by Principal Chris Keen, one of The Hart School’s unique elements is that it develops and encourages both academic and creative success – and it’s reaping rewards.

The school not only won high praise from Ofsted, across the board in April, but this summer its students celebrated “outstanding success” in both GCSE and A Level exams, particularly in vocational and design subjects.

High performing GCSE students are now continuing to build on their academic achievements with the school by studying A Levels in its Sixth Form, which recorded its 5th consecutive rise in results this year.

This included “exceptional performances” in vocational subjects, where the average grade achieved was a starred Distinction.

This continued success has seen more students than ever before now going to top Russell Group university places – this year 80% qualified for their first or second choice university and three of its students also reached the interview stage of applications for Oxbridge.

Principal Keen said: “We are extremely proud that

The Hart School continues to go from strength to strength, and I’m excited that you are considering The Hart School for your child’s next step in their education and development. Our school is an innovative educational establishment that will provide your child with the learning experience to ensure that they fulfil their potential.

We organise our school to be child centred and both friendly and supportive and we are focused upon each individual student making exceptional progress. We guide our students to be the best they can be.”

Just some of the highlights from the recent Ofsted inspection include that the school was hailed as having “strong leadership” and “a clear and compelling vision” to provide “excellent education at the heart of its community”.

It also outlined that “teaching has been strengthened over the last two years”, particularly in the Sixth Form.

Despite a raft of successes, the school is not resting on its laurels.

Instead it is working hard to build on its results, success and praise as it strives to further improve its educational offer to pupils by investing in creating both better social and teaching spaces at the Penkridge Bank Road site.



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# The Hart School

## Ofsted Report Highlights 2018:

- “The new school exists to provide young people with an excellent education in the heart of their local community.”
- “The new headteacher has extensive experience. He provides very good leadership and management.”
- “The headteacher is well supported by a hardworking group of senior leaders who have introduced higher expectations of pupil behaviour, the quality of teaching and learning, and the progress made by pupils. Together with staff and governors, they have overhauled the quality of education provided.”
- “Wide extra-curricular opportunities extend pupils’ horizons and provide different and meaningful experiences that enrich the formal curriculum.”
- “Pupils who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities are supported well and make good progress from their starting points.”
- “Outcomes for academic and vocational programmes are good.”
- “Sixth formers receive effective support and advice, including when applying for university.”

## GCSE Highlights in 2018:

- A specialist focus on design, from Creative Education Trust, saw “superb results” in design subjects - with Product Design, Photography, Fine Art and Graphics producing some of the best results in the school;
- There was “continued success” in other Level 2 subjects where the average grade for students was a Distinction;
- Stand out students include Will Langston, who achieved an impressive four grades at level 9 as well as an A\*; Jayden Dave, who achieved the highest grade 9 in all science subjects; and Edward Jenkins, who attained a level 9 in English Language;
- There were also “excellent performances” from Sarah McQueen, Will Thomas and Luke Martin, who also achieved top grades in some subjects.

## A Level Highlights in 2018:

- More than 50% of students attained top grades A\* to -B;

- “Outstanding performance” in Sociology, with A being the average grade;

- “Exceptional performance” in vocational subjects – where the average grade of a starred Distinction was achieved; Average grade B in Design subjects;

- More students than ever before accepting places at Russell Group universities;

- Over 80% of students eligible to accept their first or second choice university courses.

- Notable student successes from The Hart School include: Katie Hodson A\*AA Biology, French, Maths; John Langston AAA Biology, Maths, Psychology; Emily Kuhn A\*AB Psychology, English, Biology; Connor Brighton A\*BB Psychology, Law, History; Cameron Deakin AAB Maths, Psychology, Physics; Emma Vincent AAB English, French, Law; and Harry Murdoch A\*AC Geography, Sociology, and French.



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## OPEN EVENTS

**We invite prospective year 7 parents to our open evenings at 7pm on  
Wednesday 10th October and Thursday 11th October  
Sixth Form Open Evening  
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